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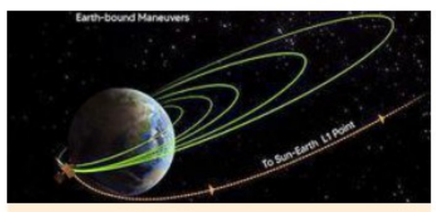

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India denies any role in Nijjar's killing in Canada

Trudeau alleged involvement of India in the killing of Khalistani separatist leader; New Delhi says such unsubstantiated allegations seek to shift focus from terrorists provided shelter in Canada

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India on Tuesday rejected the Canadian allegation of involvement by the Government of India in the killing of a prominent Khalistani separatist leader "on Canadian soil".

It was in June that Khalistan Tiger Force chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar was gunned down by unidentified assailants in the Surrey city of Canada.

In a tough statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said such allegations as made by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau diverted attention from the activities of Khalistan operatives living in Canada, and called for effective action against them.

In a tit-for-tat move, India expelled a senior Canadian diplomat after Canada expelled a diplomat from the Indian High Commission in Ottawa.

"Such unsubstantiated allegations seek to shift the focus from Khalistani terrorists and extremists, who have been provided shelter in Canada and continue to threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Shadow on ties: A jawan patrolling near the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi. REUTERS

U.S. 'deeply concerned'

Narayan Lakshman

The U.S. has said that it is "deeply concerned" about the allegations referenced by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding a potential link between agents of the Government of India and the murder of Canadian Sikh separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar. A State Department spokesperson added that the administration of President Joe Biden remained "in regular contact with our Canadian partners [and] it is critical that Canada's investigation proceed and the perpetrators be brought to justice".

The inaction of the Canadian government on this matter has been a long-standing and continuing concern," the MEA's statement declared. The statement further acknowledged that the matter had been discussed earlier by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Trudeau.

"Similar allegations were made by the Canadian Prime Minister to our Prime Minister, and were completely rejected," the release said. The official remark expressed concern over the use of Canadian soil by "anti-India elements" and urged Ottawa to "take prompt and effective legal action" targeting them.

Earlier, in an unprecedented turn of events, Mr. Trudeau accused India of being behind the killing of Nijjar, who was based in British Columbia, terming the June incident an "unacceptable violation".

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Govt. introduces women's quota Bill in Lok Sabha; PM calls for a consensus

Sandeep Phukan
Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

In a historic move after the Special Session shifted to the new Parliament House on Tuesday, the Narendra Modi government introduced the women's reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha to reserve one-third of the seats in the Lower House and the Assemblies for women.

The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Eighth) Amendment Bill, 2023, however, would be implemented only after the 2026 delimitation exercise using data from the Census to be conducted after the passage of the Bill this year. The reservation in the Lok Sabha can hence be implemented only in the Lok Sabha election in 2029 and not in 2024.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to both Houses to pass the Bill by a consensus.

Law Minister Arjun Meghwal, who introduced the Bill in the Lok Sabha, said that going by the House's current strength (delimitation will likely revise it), the number of women members would rise to 181 from 82 once the law comes into force.

Data show women MPs make up a mere 15% of the strength of the Lok Sabha and around 10% in many Assemblies. The Bill says one-third of the seats shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. There is, however, no separate reservation for women from the Other Backward Classes, an issue flagged by Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge in the Rajya Sabha.

The law will be in force for 15 years. The reserved seats will be rotated after every delimitation.

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Grand stage: MPs attending the Special Session in the Lok Sabha at the new Parliament building in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

At new House, Modi calls for fresh chapter

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The shift from the old Parliament House – now called Samvidhan Sadan – to the new Parliament building took place on Tuesday, amid a call by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to start a new chapter without the bitterness of partisanship.

Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, said the Constitutional values espoused by Ambedkar should be protected.

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BENGALURU
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Over 10,000 PoP Ganesha idols immersed in city

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Despite the blanket ban on the use of Ganesha idols made of plaster of Paris (PoP), the city recorded immersion of 10,357 PoP idols in lakes, artificial lakes, and mobile tanks on Monday – the day of Ganesha festival. » PAGE 2

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Soldier, two militants found dead; security forces end operations in Anantnag

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Security forces concluded the operations on the Gadool Hill at Kokernag in Anantnag district after a soldier and two militants were found dead on Tuesday.

The area is being sanitised, the Jammu and Kashmir police said on Tuesday. Four security personnel and two militants were killed in the seven-day operations. Two soldiers were injured.

"Uzair Khan [a 'commander' of the Lashkar-e-Taiba] had been killed and the body retrieved. There is another body lying on the ground. We had information about the presence of two or three terrorists in the area," Additional Director-General of Police Vijay Kumar said.

Mr. Kumar said Khan was behind the killing of a Colonel, a Major and a Deputy Superintendent of Police on the first day of the gunfight on September 13.

Bidding adieu: The Army pays tribute to Sepoy Pardeep Singh, killed in Anantnag, in Srinagar on Tuesday. NISSAR AHMAD

L-G pays homage

The body of Sepoy Pardeep Singh was recovered after he went missing at the encounter site on Sunday. J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha laid a wreath and paid homage to Sepoy Singh. "A grateful nation will always remain indebted to his martyrdom. The entire nation stands firmly with his family in this hour of grief," Mr. Sinha said.

Police warning

The police have advised the local people "not to go closer to the encounter site as unexploded grenades or shells may cause harm to them".

The Gadool operation was one of the longest anti-militancy operations in Kashmir in more than a decade. The Army used high-tech gadgets, rocket fire and heavy mortar shelling to flush out the militants and hit the hideouts on the hill.

The police established the identity of Uzair Khan following medical tests done on him in a hospital in Srinagar. The bodies of the two militants were beyond recognition, officials said. The identity of the second militant has not been established.

Officials said a search for the body of the third hiding militant had been on till late Tuesday. The combing operations are being carried out slowly as the security agencies suspect the area might be rigged with explosives. The cave hideout was also inspected for evidence of terror operations.

Guidance value up by average 25 to 30% in city from October 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Starting October 1, property buyers will have to shell out more for registration as the new revised guidance value, hiked by an average of 25% to 30% over the existing rates, will come into effect in the city. The new guidance value will come into effect in phases across other districts of the State in the coming weeks.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said while the practice was to revise guidance value every year, there has been a gap of five years, mainly due to the pandemic. The last time the guidance value was revised was in 2018-19, which came into effect on January 1, 2019. "More than hiking the guidance value, we have tried to bridge the market value and guidance value. This has worked out to an average of around 25-30% hike. But in some cases, the hike is 50% as well," he explained.

"Where the market rate and guidance value are close enough, we have hiked the guidance value by 10%; where the market value is nearly 200 times the guidance value, we have hiked it in the range of 25-30%, whereas in some places like in Electronics City, the market value is 500 times more than guidance value, in such cases, we have hiked it by 50%," the Minister explained the rationale behind the revision, adding that in some places guidance value had also been reduced to keep with market trends.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who dumped the Budget presented by his predecessor Basavaraj Bommai for 2023-24 in February and presented a new Budget in July earlier this year, did not hike the stamp duty but revised the revenue target from Stamps and Registration to ₹25,000 crore, from ₹19,000 crore set in February. This is one of the sources from which the government seeks to mobilise additional revenue to fund its "guarantee welfare schemes".

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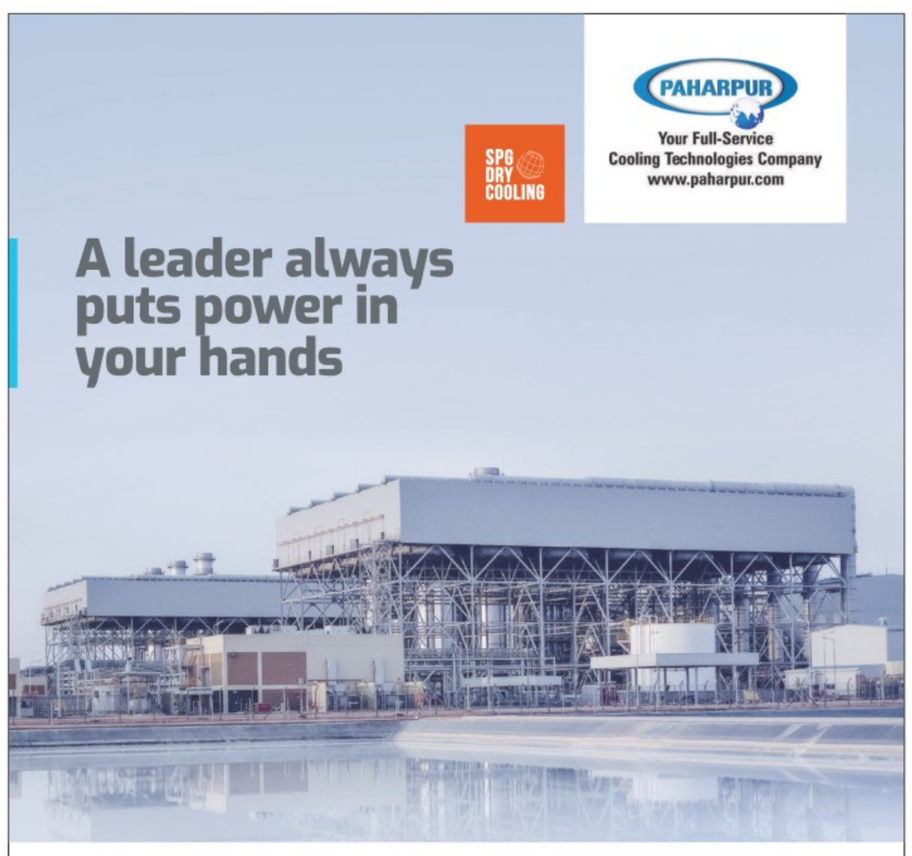

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Drawing on a treasure trove, Indians eye a golden show

In a bid to boost the medal tally at the Hangzhou Asian Games, the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) flew in two former World No. 1s in singles — Gaultier and Willstrop — and a reigning World championship silver medallist in doubles (Stewart) for a High-Performance camp

Bonding and blueprints: Mahesh and Joshna share a light moment with Wiillstrop and Gaultier at the camp in Chennai where the plan of action for the Asian Games is being chalked out. R. RAGU

K. Keerthivasan

Just three months have passed since the Squash World Cup, a mixed team competition, was held in Chennai. India, the second seed in the tournament, bowed out in the semifinals after a loss to Malaysia, drawing much criticism among fans, officials and the media.

The Indian contingent has since put the disappointment behind it, putting in the hard yards for another challenge – the Hangzhou Asian Games.

The Indian squad this time around bears a mix of youth and experience with the famed trio of Saurav Ghosal, Dipika Pallikal Karthik and Joshna Chinappa on one side and promising youngsters like Anahat Singh on the other.

Bringing in the big guns

To help the Indian players fine-tune their game in singles and doubles, the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) has roped in two former World No. 1s in singles – Gregory Gaultier and James Willstrop and the reigning World doubles championship silver medallist Rory Stewart for a High-Performance camp (it will conclude on Sept. 23) in Chennai in a bid to improve the country's medal tally at Hangzhou.

India had won four silver and a bronze medal in the previous (2018) Asian Games in Jakarta. Cyrus Poncha, SRFI secretary, says India is very much capable of winning a gold in at least one category, earmarking the mixed doubles pairing of Dipika Pallikal-Karthik and Harinderpal Singh Sandhu for the same.

"We are hoping for better results. The preparations have given us the confidence of better performance. The colour of the medal is key," said Poncha.

"We are certainly focused on bagging a gold medal in at least one category and we have the best chance in mixed doubles. The men's team and men's singles with Ghosal, who is seeded two in the Games, are categories we can bring home the crown," he added.

Seasoned stars

Poncha believes the experience and class of Ghosal, Joshna and Dipika will be crucial in helping the team improve on its Jakarta showing. "That's why I believe we can win more medals and improve the colour of the medals," Poncha added.

In legends like Gaultier and Willstrop, the Indian side has a treasure trove of experience to draw from, particularly when it comes to strategising in crunch situations.

Gaultier has a whopping 44 PSA Tour singles titles to his name while Willstrop has 21. Gaultier announced his retirement two years ago and is now coaching some of the top players in the world, including Nour El Sherbini and Mohd. El Shorbagy in Prague (Czech Republic).

Willstrop is no stranger to the Indian set-up, given his long-term friendship with Ghosal (the two trained under James' father Malcolm for quite a while too). The 40-year-old Englishman has gone from competitor to coach for Ghosal and a few other star players in Pontefract (England). Willstrop is also an accomplished doubles player having won a silver in the 2006 Commonwealth Games and a bronze in 2014 & 2018 Commonwealth Games. While he still plays on and off in the PSA Tour, he is sliding down the world rankings, going as low as 60 this month.

At the camp in Chennai, Willstrop sparred with Ghosal and Mahesh Mangaonkar and also with the mixed doubles pair of Dipika and Harinder.

Garnish the dish

Coming into the contingent with just weeks left for the side to compete in Hangzhou, Willstrop believes he can only garnish the dish that's already cooking. He underlines that he can't promise the moon with the priority being the basics and, perhaps more importantly, mental toughness.

"The main focus will be to talk to them and do the little extra things like providing a bit of psychological help that will help them take over the line," he said.

Doubles especially, the Brit asserts, is more about the mind than the body.

"The rallies are tough and lines are very very fine between the pairings. Things happen in the mind. We will give them some deep insights and talk about how to deal with high-pressure situations," he added.

Willstrop threw his faith behind his friend Ghosal and believes he can win a gold medal in men's singles. "It is definitely possible. His physicality is right up there. He's in great form. We hope the 10 days at the Games go well for him," he said.

Gaultier had sessions with Joshna, Ghosal and others as well and is looking to use his experience to provide the Indian drawing board with fresh ideas.

"I am here to bring some fresh ideas on and off the court and fresh drills they are not used to. My sessions with the Indians will break their routine and take them out from their comfort zones. I know how important it is to do well at the Asian Games. My job is to toughen them up," said the Frenchman.

Ghosal has ascended the top of the podium once, when the Indian men's team won gold in the 2014 edition in Incheon. However, the 36-year-old has never won the ultimate prize in singles, falling short in the final in Korea.

The one-on-one sessions with Willstrop and Gaultier have been doubly important for Ghosal and the World No. 20 exudes confidence.

"We have a good team to win gold in the team event and I have a good chance to do so in singles. It will be all about maintaining the physical and mental side of things and being as fresh as possible. Hopefully, I will win the singles gold," the 37-year-old said.

Playing to their strengths

Mangaonkar, who is part of the Indian men's team and men's singles in the Asian Games, hailed the timing of the high performance camp in Chennai and its role in strengthening the bonding among the players.

"As per the seedings, the Indian men's team is No. 1 and we are expected to win gold but there are tougher teams like Malaysia, Hong Kong, Kuwait and Japan. We have to give our 100%," he added.

Joshna, 37, is India's best bet at the Games and feels the team has to back her if it wants to win the gold medal (the women's team returned with silver after losing to Hong Kong in the previous edition).

"There is enough depth in Asia and so the tournament will be difficult right from round one.

"Playing for India in these continental events has prolonged my career and it will be very special to win a medal at the Games," she said.

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> **CYRUS PONCHA**
> SRFI secretary

Abhay Singh is India's No. 2 singles player after Ghosal. But the 25-year-old has chosen to skip singles to concentrate on mixed doubles (with Anahat).

"It's a decision that I gave a lot of thought to and one that I will not regret. Excluding me, we have the same team that won team gold in the 2014 Games. We can deliver gold this time too. With Anahat, I will aim for a medal in our category as well," he says.

Indian coach Surbhi Misra believes the women's team too can go all the way this time around.

"Tanvi Khanna is in very good form having reached three finals in Australia and winning one. We are in the same group as Malaysia. Even if we lose to them, we might be facing Hong Kong in the semifinals, against whom we are quite confident. We are on course to reaching the women's final," she predicted.

In a sport that operates on a macro level like squash does, continental events give these players a chance to come together under the national flag. Chris Walker *(in pic, left)*, the Indian team's foreign coach, said the objective of the camp was to strengthen the camaraderie and trust among the players.

"More important was getting everyone together to be part of the group and up the team spirit and that's happening," the coach said. However, there's no stopping the Indian think tank. Strategising continues and towards the same, the SRFI has brought in video analysts to better understand the players the Indian contingent will go up against.

"Our objective is to help our players understand how the opposition has been playing in the last 6-12 months. We provide insight, which may help the players gain a small advantage," said S. Shankar of BanyanBoard.

Truth be told, India can be comfortably confident of landing medals (whatever the colour might be) in all five categories. While chances in the mixed doubles look bright, topping the podium will be an uphill task in the other brackets of competition, especially for a transitioning team that needs its younger lot to step up and aid its ageing warhorses.

Lakshya. FILE PHOTO: NAGARA GOPAL

We are world champions, we will be favourites at Asian Games: Lakshya

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Young star Lakshya Sen said India, the Thomas Cup champions, are favourites to win the Asian Games men's team gold in badminton, and he is also nourishing the dream of meeting compatriot and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra during the quadrennial event.

Lakshya, a 2021 world championships bronze medallist, was one of the architects of India's epic Thomas Cup victory in May last year.

He said India will be a top contender for the gold at Asian Games.

"Definitely, the team is looking really good. It is the same team that won the Thomas Cup, so we are going as world champions.

"I think the players who are playing against us know that it is not easy (to defeat India) as we can beat any team in the world," Lakshya said.

He underlined the need for a collective effort at the Asian Games.

"I don't think we lack confidence. We have this camaraderie, and we know how to go about it. All the teams are tough and we have to give our best.

"We will need a good, collective effort to do well there. The whole team is positive and we are hoping for a good result," Lakshya said.

The 22-year-old from Almora, who won a silver at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games and a gold at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, will be playing only the team championships at the 19th edition of the showpiece.

"It will be my first experience at the Asian Games. It is a similar kind of atmosphere, like the Commonwealth Games and Youth Olympics.

"So I am looking forward to the event and also I will be getting a chance to meet other Indian and foreign athletes, and learn about their sports and life," said Lakshya.

"In the Commonwealth Games last year, we were there with the TT contingent, as only we played from the first to last day of the tournament. Their matches were in next hall. So, I watched a lot of TT matches. I didn't have time to see other events," he said.

Lakshya who is currently ranked world no. 11, missed the individual event at the Asian Games after he lost to K. Srikanth in the selection trials in May this year.

Meeting Neeraj

He hoped that it will give him some time to meet Neeraj, who will be competing in the javelin throw, in person.

"I'm only playing team event. So, I look forward to meeting Neeraj Chopra. If I get some time, I would love to go and watch him perform and support him.

"I have spoken to him before but never met him in person. So, I am really looking forward to that," he said.

The Indian players, who didn't get time to have a long training session due to busy international schedule, are currently honing their skills in a week-long camp in Hyderabad.

"This time there were some big events like China super 1000 and World Championships, which were kind of unavoidable.

"But we have been competing very recently and it is the same for everyone. The match preparation is there and it is all about playing well on the day.

"It is like a big pressure tournament, a lot of people in India give importance to Asian Games.

"So, I am going (to the Asian Games) with my full intention and expecting good results," he said.

Guidance value in outer zones and along metro corridors sees a big hike

For most properties along upcoming metro corridors, it has shot up by an average of 30%, according to a senior official

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

The draft of the new proposed guidance value in Bengaluru shows that properties in outer zones and along metro corridors even within the core city have seen big hikes.

For instance, a square metre (sqm) of land on some stretches of Bannerghatta Main Road, which will soon have metro connectivity, has seen a jump of nearly 50%. Similar is the case with Outer Ring Road, K.R. Puram and International Airport Road, which will be connected by the metro soon. A senior officer in the Department of Stamps and Registration said in most properties along metro corridors, especially upcoming ones, guidance value has shot up by an average of 30%, and this was a reflection of the market value of these properties.

GUIDANCE VALUE

	Draft guidance value 2023-24	Existing guidance value	% Increase
COMMERCIAL AREA			
M.G. Road	3,15,000	2,73,600	15%
Lavelle Road	2,39,000	2,07,900	15%
UB Towers	3,29,000	3,13,200	5%
Indiranagar 100 ft Road	2,70,000	2,03,200	33%
Whitefield Main Road	65,000	42,000	54%
RESIDENTIAL AREA			
Yelahanka New Town	59,700	38,600 - 42,400	50%
Apartments in Kudlu	42,000 - 53,000	33,100 - 46,400	14% - 27%
Apartments in K.R. Puram	45,000 - 60,000	40,000 - 55,000	10% - 12%
Defence Colony Indiranagar	2,21,000	1,70,300	30%
Rajajinagar 1 Block Main Road	1,50,000	1,02,000	47%

Meanwhile, not just for residential plots and apartments, but even for commercial spaces, guidance value has registered a big jump in outer zones than in the core city. "The value of the property may still be a bit lower compared to premium locations in the Central Business District. But the rate of increase of the value of these properties has long overtaken the core city in the market. Guidance value is only playing catch up," a senior official said. In most outer zones, guidance value has jumped in the range of 25-50%, the draft shows. This can be seen in Whitefield, Sarjapur, Electronics City, K.R. Puram, and other areas. For instance, guidance value of properties on Whitefield Main Road has hiked by over 50%.

As outer zones are buzzing with activity and have become the most happening places in the city's real estate map, property values in the core city seem to have almost stagnated with little appreciation. The guidance value of UB Towers, one of the costliest real estate spaces in the city, has been hiked by only 5%, even as the guidance value for Lavelle Road and MG Road has been hiked by 15%.

However, the guidance value of properties - both residential and commercial - has seen a big jump in Indiranagar, where the CBD now seems to have expanded. Guidance value of commercial properties on Indiranagar 100 feet Road and residential properties in Defence Colony has been hiked by around 30%.

BBMP's response on action against illegal hoardings leads nowhere: High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday expressed dissatisfaction over the response of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on the action taken against illegal hoardings, banners, etc. based on the court's earlier directions.

"The BBMP's response leads nowhere," said a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Krishna S. Dixit while hearing PIL petitions on menace of unauthorised advertisement hoardings, banners, buntings, etc. As an advocate representing the BBMP admitted that the response was filled in a hurry with whatever information available, the Bench granted three weeks for the civic body to file comprehensive response and action taken.

The Bench had specifically asked the BBMP to submit action taken by senior officers in case of failure of subordinate officials in acting against illegal hoardings. FILE PHOTO

The Bench specifically asked the BBMP to submit the action taken by the senior officers in case of failure of their sub-ordinate officials in acting against illegal hoardings etc. and explanation in case no such action was initiated against junior officers for dereliction of duty.

When it was complained to the court that the BBMP had failed to submit response to a petition, alleging failure to collect advertisement fee from several hoardings, even after a lapse of 18 months, the Bench said that such a conduct by the BBMP would make public believe that the officials are negligent and there exist unholy nexus between those who commit illegality and the officials.

In a first, Kambala from coastal region set to be hosted in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

As the Kambala (slush track buffalo race) season begins on November 11, for the first ever time, the event typical of coastal Karnataka is set to be hosted in Bengaluru too.

According to chairman of the Kambala committee, Belapu Deviprasad Shetty, the event at Palace Grounds is scheduled on November 25.

Mr. Shetty told *The Hindu* that soil and water test conducted revealed that a Kambala can be held at the Palace Grounds, but there are concerns over transporting the buffaloes to Bengaluru from the coastal belt and maintaining their health. Some stakeholders of Kambala believe that it might require up to ₹1.5 lakh to get a pair of buffaloes transported to Bengaluru and return. It might require 20 to 40 persons to handle a pair depending on the size.

The slush track buffalo race season begins on November 11. FILE PHOTO

In addition, some owners and handlers are concerned over taking care of the health of participating pair during the journey and at Bengaluru. Hence, there is no clarity as yet on the number of participants for the Bengaluru event. Puttur MLA Ashok Kumar Rai will take the lead in holding the event in Bengaluru.

BBMP to levy penalty of ₹10,000 per tonne for illegal dumping of construction waste

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will proactively start levying fines on illegal dumping of building debris and construction waste on the city's outskirts. Joint Commissioner (Solid Waste Management), BBMP, has directed supervisors, marshals, and junior health officials to impose fines.

The building owners, contractors, and others who produce debris and waste are responsible for scientifically disposing of the waste. Due to lack of supervision by the BBMP, the debris is being illegally dumped by roadsides, empty sites, storm-water drains, and other undesignated areas.

Construction waste dumped near Jakkur lake in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

The new order has directed the enforcement officials to check all vehicles carrying debris in the city and start levying ₹10,000/tonne fine and initiate action under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

This order comes in the wake of the High Court hearing a case pertaining to solid waste management in the city.

Despite ban, over 10,000 PoP Ganesha idols immersed in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Despite the blanket ban on the use of Ganesha idols made of plaster of Paris (PoP), the city recorded immersion of 10,357 PoP idols in lakes, artificial lakes, and mobile tanks on Monday, on the day of Ganesha festival.

The Karnataka government had warned violators of invoking stringent provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act under Section 15 (1) and said those failing to comply with the order would be fined ₹1 lakh and could be imprisoned for up to five years. The order dated September 15 was sent to all the Deputy Commissioners and KSPCB officials.

According to data shared by the BBMP, of the total 1,53,965 Ganesha idols immersed in lakes, kalyanis, and mobile tanks, 10,357 were made of PoP. But BBMP appears to have not taken any action against the violators.

The data reveals that in the designated 38 lakes in the city, 8,843 PoP idols were immersed, and 90,113 earthen idols were immersed. In the artificial lakes, 714 PoP idols were immersed, and 19,037 earthen idols were immersed. While 800 PoP idols were immersed in mobile tanks, 32,730 earthen idols were immersed. Data shows that the highest number of PoP idol immersion was recorded in the south zone of the BBMP - 8,992. In the east zone, 206 idols; in the west, 134, in Bommanahalli 147, in Dasarahalli 53, in Mahadevapura 18, in R.R. Nagar 261, and 546 idols were immersed in Yelahanka.

A source in the BBMP said a crackdown on PoP idols should happen at the manufacturing and selling locations, and it is difficult to take action during immersion.

Disruption in metro service tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Namma Metro train services between Krishnarajapura and Garudacharpalya stations will be curtailed for the whole day on Thursday due to the safety inspection of the newly constructed line between Baiyappanahalli and Krishnarajapura stations, BMRCL said on Tuesday.

The services will also not be available from Baiyappanahalli to Indiranagar from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Thursday. However, the metro trains will ply as usual between Whitefield (Kadugodi) and Garudacharpalya throughout the day and Indiranagar to Kengeri between 1.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. The trains will also be available before 1.30 p.m. and after 4.30 p.m. from Baiyappanhalli to Kengeri as per the schedule until 11 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to Notify the General Public that my client, **Sri. SURESH V. KULKARNI** S/o Late V.G. KULKARNI, No. 379, 4th "B" Main Road, Maruthi Layout, Vasanthpura, Bengaluru - 560 061, has lost in transit Share Certificate of State Bank of India with respect to 500 shares held by him having reference of their Folio No. 02463696 on 01-06-2023 at Bengaluru. The said document is not traceable, if found return to the undersigned and will be rewarded.

Sd/- **NARJI A. SADANANDA,**
Advocate, No. 41, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Nagendra Block, BSK 1st State, Bengaluru - 560 050. Ph: 9480514262
Place: Bengaluru Date: 17-09-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is intending to purchase all that piece and parcel of agricultural properties viz., **(1)** Sy.No.53/2 (portion of old Sy No. 53), measuring 16 ½ Guntas, **(2)** Sy.No.53/3, (portion of old No. 53) measuring 0-9 Guntas, both situated at Dasarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, from its owner in possession Sri. Swaroop Kanchi S/o Saikumar, residing at No.219, 15th Main Road, House No.8-D, Sadashivanagara, Bangalore–560 080, represented by his Power of Attorney Holder **Mr. Dilip Singh B S** as per the registered, Irrevocable GPA dated 21.04.2016. The said Properties are more fully described at Item No.1 and 2 below. If anybody has got any right, title and interest claim over the Schedule Properties either in full or part may file their objections to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the publication of notice hereof, where after no such claims will be entertained and our client will proceed with the purchase of the said property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of property bearing agricultural property bearing old Sy. No. 53, New Sy No. 53/2, measuring 16 ½ Guntas situated at Dasarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and the same is bounded on the:- **East by :** Road and Hill; **West by:** Sy. No. 54; **North by:** Sy. No. 53/1; **South by:** Sy.No.53/3 belonging to Seller.
Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of property bearing agricultural property bearing old Sy. No. 53, New Sy. No. 53/3, measuring 0-9 Guntas situated at Dasarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and the same is bounded on the:- **East by :** Road and Hill; **West by :** Sy.No.54; **North by:** Sy.No.53/2 belonging to Seller; **South by:** Sy.No.53/4:

Sd/- DIVYA R., Advocate,
No. G-10, Mazzanine Floor,
SNS Chambers, No. 239, Sankey Road,
Sadashivanagar, Bangalore – 560080.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU, **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
Buildings (C & M) Circle, Thanjavur-1
Notice inviting e-Tender (Pre Qualification Two cover System – Price Tender item wise rate)
e-Tender Notice No : 10/ SE / Buildings (C & M) /Circle/ Thanjavur/ 2023-2024/ Date :19.09.2023.
For and On behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C & M) Circle Thanjavur-1 from the eligible Registered Contractors of PWD., for 3 Works
1.For Details of 3 Works in Cuddalore District, e-Tender Notice and Tender Pre Qualification Documents Visit **https://tntenders.gov.in**

2	Tender documents available at website from	25.09.2023 to 25.10.2023 up to 11.00 A.M
3	Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through on-line	25.10.2023 up to 11.00 AM
4	Date and Time of opening of the e-Tender	26.10.2023 11.00 A.M on wards

5.Price Adjustment Clause is applicable for the above all works
DIPR / 5157 / TENDER / 2023
Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.
Buildings (C&M) Circle, Thanjavur-1.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
E-Auction for leasing of Parcel Space, Parking & Out of home advertisement / publicity
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites bidders for E-Auctions on the following dates.
Description in brief : **(1)** Catering : 25-09-2023, 26-09-2023, 27-09-2023 & 29-09-2023 **(2)** Advertising Contracts on : 25-09-2023 & 29-09-2023 **(3)** MISC Contract - Water Vending Machines : 26-09-2023, 27-09-2023 **(4)** MISC Contract : Promotional Kiosk : 29-09-2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
PUB/381/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Bengaluru**
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.
Tender Notice No: ECN-9-2022-RT5

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Design, Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Intelligent addressable fire detection and alarm system for Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru station building and two subways.	Rs. 50,05,357/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 09-10-2023**

Tender Notice No: ECN-20-2023-RT

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Modification of Existing 220 KV / 110 KV Single / Double / Multi Circuit Power Line Crossing between Harugeri - Kudachi in Bagalkot - Kudachi New BG Line (Schedule A & B).	Rs. 34,97,00,162/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 09-10-2023**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / Construction Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/380/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

Govt Of Rajasthan
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR JHALAWAR
Sr no 453 Date 19/09/2023
:- Notice Inviting Bid-:
Bids for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Agencies for Printing of Jan Samman Kit are invited from interested Bidders up to 03:00 PM on 22-09-2023 other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state. The approximate value of the procurement is 14057870/-
UBN :- CJH2324GLSS00014
सहायक निदेशक (कमेटी सदस्य सचिव)
आर्थिक एवं सांख्यिकी विभाग झालावाड़

राजस्थान सरकार
कार्यालय जिला कलेक्टर एवं जिला मजिस्ट्रेट, टोंक
क्रमांक :–F4()/आसावि/जनआधार/कार्ड/2023–24/1218 दिनांक:– 19/09/2023
EOI आमंत्रण (06/2023–24)
(NIB Code: CTN2324A0008)
प्रमुख शासन सचिव आयोजना एवं पदेन महानिदेशक राजस्थान जनआधार प्राधिकरण जयपुर की ओर से जनआधार कार्डधारी परिवारों को जन सम्मान किट का वितरण से पूर्व मुद्रण हेतु **EOI** आमंत्रित है जिसकी अनुमानित राशि रू. 12873651 है जिसकी विस्तृत जानकारी www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ई–निविदाऐं दिनांक 22.09.2023 को 3:00 PM तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण एवं शर्तें उक्त पोर्टल एवं sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पोर्टल पर UBN: CTN2324GLLB00011 पर देखी जा सकती है।
UBN: CTN2324GLLB00011
अति. जिला कलक्टर
टोंक

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
DIRECTORATE OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION
Urban Administrative Building, 11th Floor, 75, Santhome High Road, Raja Annamalaipuram, MRC Nagar, Chennai - 600028.
Phone : 044 - 29864457 Website : https://tntenders.gov.in
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
The Directorate of Municipal Administration, Chennai - 28 invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from the eligible Consultancy Firms for engaging an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) for a period of six years under World Bank assisted Tamil Nadu Climate Resilient Urban Development Project.
The objective of the assignment is to design, undertake and provide regular, high quality independent verification of the achievement of the 8 DLIs as agreed under the World Bank supported Tamil Nadu Climate Resilient Urban Development Program for Results.
The interested consultancy firm may submit the bids in the prescribed format. The Request for Proposal (RFP) documents and Terms of Reference (ToR) can be downloaded from the **website https://tntenders.gov.in from 21.09.2023 10.00 am. Last date for submission of Bid is 27.10.2023 - 03.00 PM**
DIPR/ 5158 /TENDER/2023 **Director of Municipal Administration**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सा. नि. विभाग, विद्युत वृत्त - प्रथम, जयपुर
क्रमांक :- 639 दिनांक : 5/9/2023
अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या : 03 /2023-2024
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से निम्न कार्य मय दोष निवारण एवं उनके सुधार (डिफेक्ट लाईबिलिटी पीरीयड) शर्त सहित सां.नि.वि., राजस्थान, जयपुर में विद्युत कार्यों हेतु उपर्युक्त विद्युत श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से तथा उक्त कार्य में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों के अतिरिक्त, सक्षम स्वीकृति उपरान्त मूल निर्माता कम्पनी या उनके अधिकृत डीलर्स एवं समान कार्य में अनुभवी अपंजीकृत फर्में जिनके पास वैद्य विद्युत लाईसेन्स हो निर्धारित प्रपत्र में विभिन्न कार्य ई- टेन्डरिंग प्रक्रिया में ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in/tender.asp तथा http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in तथा http://sppp.raj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को ई-निविदा में भाग लेने हेतु वेबसाईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है। शुद्धि-पत्र केवल वेबसाईट पर अपलोड किए जाएंगे।
UBN NO. : PWD2324WSOB12447, PWD2324WSOB12449
(बजरंग सिंह)
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सा.नि.वि.,
DIPR/C/13746/23 विद्युत वृत्त-प्रथम जयपुर

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग द्वितीय जोधपुर (मुख्यालय बाड़मेर)
क्रमांक:-2113- 2126 दिनांक 06.09.2023
अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या: 10 वर्ष 2023-2024
NIB No. PWD2324A2854
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से मुख्यमंत्री बजट घोषणा वर्ष 2023-24 में स्वीकृत सड़क निर्माण कार्य हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/ केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/ रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 06 कार्य जिनकी लागत राशि रु. 1726.47 लाख है, के लिए इंटेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख	:	11 सितम्बर 2023 9:30 बजे से 21 सितम्बर 2023 सायं 06:00 बजे तक

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in व http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ऑनलाईन सम्पादित की जायेगी। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट पर http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है। कार्यवार यू.बी.एन. संख्या निम्नानुसार है।

1. PWD2324WLOB12561	2. PWD2324WSOB12565	3. PWD2324WSOB12567
4. PWD2324WSOB12570	5. PWD2324WSOB12572	6. PWD2324WSOB12574

(विजय कुमार वर्मा)
अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सा.नि.वि.
DIPR/C/13843/2023 संभाग द्वितीय, जोधपुर, (मुख्यालय-बाड़मेर)

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 : Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-22185)
Tender Enquiry No. 286/SSD-147/S-I/RDSS/2023
Dy. CE/Sub-Station (Design)/ TS Organization, C-1 Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for manufacturing, testing and supply of 82 nos. 25/31.5 MVA 66/11KV Power Transformers under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to https://gem.gov.in/ from 19.09.2023 (11.00 AM onwards).
Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://gem.gov.in/
C - 657/23 **76155/12/2190/2023/27935**

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40109PB2010SGC033813
Web site: www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 9646118754)
Tender Enquiry No. 308/HPs/ED-II/ASHP-119 **Dated : 18.09.2021**
Dy. CE/ Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala Invites E-Tender for Procurement of 1 no. 6000 LPH Transformer Oil Filtration Set for 4x150 MW Ranjit Sagar Dam, Power House, Shahpurkandi and Two No. 3000 Ltr./Hr. Capacity Transformer Oil Filtration sets for ASHP Hydel Projects Shri Anandpur Sahib (one for each Power House i.e., Ganguwal & Nakkian).
For detailed NIT & tender specification plese refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 26.09.2023 onwards.
NOTE: Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**
C- 661/23 **76155/12/2197/2023/27984**

खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग
KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION
(सूक्ष्म, लघु एवम् मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय भारत सरकार)
(Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India)
मण्डलीय कार्यालय, वाराणसी
(Divisional Office, Varanasi)
No. KVIC/DOV/Silk Processing/2023-24 Date : 18.09.2023
Tender Notice
Divisional Office, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Varanasi invites RfP/Tender on Gem Portal for Procurement of Silk reeling/processing machines. The details are as under:-

S.No.	GeM Bid No.	Tender Details
1.	GEM/2023/B/3966796	**Procurement of Silk processing machines**

Interested and eligible Firm/Agency may apply for supply of the above items through Gem Portal. The Bid Notice also available on the KVIC website : https://www.kvic.gov.in.
S/D
Director

A ragpicker sorts plastic waste for recycling in Dong Xiao Kou village, on the outskirts of Beijing, in 2015. AFP/FRED DUFOUR

Can 'green nudges' in online food deliveries lower plastic pollution?

Green nudges are gentle persuasions to influence environment-friendly behaviour in people. In behavioural economics, nudges are interventions that influence people's choices to make certain decisions without restricting the choices available to them

Priyali Prakash

A study conducted in collaboration with an online food delivery platform in China found that making "no disposable cutlery" the default choice for orders and rewarding customers with "green points" led to a 648% increase in the share of no-cutlery orders. This step could have significant benefits for the environment, the study said.

A team of researchers, led by associate professor at the University of Hong Kong Guojun He, collaborated with Eleme, Alibaba's food delivery platform, to analyse customer-level response to green nudges on the platform – changing the default to "no cutlery", and setting up a reward system where points can be redeemed for planting trees in China's deserts.

What are green nudges?

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The study with Alibaba used a difference-in-differences model – a statistical technique that compares outcomes over time between the experimental (or treated) group and a control group – and compares food-ordering behaviours of people in control cities versus people in cities where the green nudges were implemented.

The study also revealed features that distinguish the green nudges under it from the already available literature on the concept. Historically, nudges focus on short-term impacts, but the Alibaba study showed its persisting effect through individuals' ordering behaviour.

Nudges have been criticised in the past for being manipulative: they are not always transparent and can sometimes bank on ignorance or lack of awareness in people to work. But researchers working on the study have said that the green nudges that they implemented are easy to understand and transparent to users. The reasons and underlying conditions of why and when nudges work is a matter of ongoing debate, and the study reportedly presents data to explore the "underlying mechanisms through which the green nudges affect individuals' behaviours".

Alibaba's user interface, in cities where the study was conducted, was updated to show a window that required the customer to explicitly choose the number of sets of single-use cutlery (SUC) to be delivered with the order. The default option on this window was set to "no cutlery" and customers had to scroll down the screen to choose a different option. To prevent the window from popping up in future orders, customers could set any of the options as their new device-level default by clicking the "set as default" button.

The no-cutlery option came with "green points" - a non-pecuniary incentive where 16 points were awarded to a user for every order without SUC. These points could be stored and accumulated in Alipay, Alibaba's payments app. Once a user had accumulated 16,000 points, they could redeem them in exchange for a real tree to be planted and named after the customer in a desertified part of China.

However, the study also noted that getting a tree planted through only no-cutlery orders was challenging, and the average number of monthly no-cutlery orders for a consumer was only 0.77 from 2019 to 2020. The Alibaba platform also allowed its users to collect green points through other activities like walking more, taking more public transportation, selling used items, etc.

The purpose of green nudges

The green nudges were a result of Chinese regulations that prohibited online food delivery platforms from including SUCs in orders unless explicitly requested. In early 2020, China announced ambitious plans to phase out single-use plastics from the country, beginning with a country-wide ban on single-use straws by the end of the year.

The plan noted that plastic bags would first be banned in the major cities, followed by a ban in all cities and towns. China plans to reduce the consumption of single-use plastic items in the restaurant industry by 30%, *The Guardian* has reported.

> Researchers estimate that reductions caused by green nudges may have prevented the generation of 4,506.52 metric tonnes of waste and saved 56,333 trees

The data analysed in the study included the history of 1,97,062 randomly selected users' monthly food orders and their green points, tree-planting records, and personal characteristics. The study commenced on January 1, 2019, and ended December 31, 2021, in 10 major Chinese cities.

All consumers whose data were included placed at least one food delivery order during the period. Out of the ten cities, Shanghai, Beijing, and Tianjin were where the green nudges were introduced on the Alibaba app (the experimental or treated cities), while the other seven – Qingdao, Xi'an, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Wuhan, and Chengdu – were the control cities.

Researchers working on the study received funding support from the Research Grant Council of Hong Kong and Peking University.

Findings of the study

Under the study, the share of no-cutlery orders increased in the cities where it was conducted, but remained relatively unchanged throughout the study period in the control cities.

The share of no-cutlery orders before the study was on average 3.1%. Green nudges were believed to have increased the share of no-cutlery orders by 19.3% in Shanghai, 21.2% in Beijing, and 20.4% in Tianjin. On average, they increased an individual's share of no-cutlery orders by 20.1%. This amounted to a 648% increase in the frequency of no-cutlery orders overall.

Before the study was conducted, the share of no-cutlery orders in all cities was almost the same. But once the green nudges were introduced, the share of these orders in Shanghai, Beijing, and Tianjin increased significantly. The study also noted that media and public attention to plastic waste did not change significantly when the city-wide regulations were introduced, suggesting that the findings of the study were actually driven by green nudges on the app.

Around 83% of the individuals in Shanghai, Beijing, and Tianjin also responded positively to the green nudges. Another 6% did not show changes in cutlery choices on the app. The remaining 11% defied the nudges and behaved in the opposite direction to what was encouraged. It was also seen that most defiers had previously placed no-cutlery orders, suggesting that they possibly disliked being nudged.

The study also reported that the green nudges introduced on Alibaba's online food delivery platform did not negatively impact its business. Both the total order amount and the total number of orders followed the same trend in the experimental and control cities, making the impact of green nudges on the platform's business negligible. Note, however, that the total spending and total number of orders substantially dropped in early 2020 in all the cities, due to COVID-19.

An analysis of the study's demographical results concluded that no-cutlery orders placed by women increased by 21.4% after the nudges were introduced, versus an 18.4% increase among men.

The share of no-cutlery orders for customers between 18 and 24 years only increased by 11.9%, whereas for the middle-aged and elderly, the increase was around 30-34%.

Some observations have also suggested that affluence was a factor that differentiated how customers responded to green nudges.

The share of no-cutlery orders for people who ordered meals using phones that cost more than $1,151 increased by 22.2% as a result of green nudges, which was 3.92% more than for those who ordered using phones that cost $273 or less (both as of January 2020).

People who ordered more expensive meals (based on pre-order expenditure) also responded more to green nudges on the Alibaba app.

Green nudges also increased the share of no-cutlery orders for individuals who had placed similar orders previously by 24%. This was 4-5% higher than for those who had never placed a no-cutlery order before, but the study said it is possible that this difference stems from environmental consciousness that individuals might have already had.

Over 18 months in Shanghai, eight months in Beijing, and one month in Tianjin, the number of SUCs reduced by more than 225.33 million sets. Although the weights and compositions of SUCs vary, the researchers estimated that this reduction may have prevented the generation of 4,506.52 metric tonnes of waste and saved 56,333 trees.

If all green points rewarded through the green nudges were used to plant trees, 112,665 additional trees could have been planted by Alibaba.

Do green nudges work in India?

According to the study paper, China is the world's largest producer and consumer of SUCs. If Alibaba had introduced the green nudges to the entire country instead of just in three cities, more than 8.7 billion sets of SUC could have been saved every year in China, in accordance with the 2020 data. Additionally, total SUC consumption could have dropped by 21.75 billion sets if all food-delivery services in China adopted green nudges. This would be equivalent to eliminating 3.26 million metric tonnes of plastic waste.

Zomato, an online food delivery platform in India that occupies over 50% of market share in the space, also has similar nudges on its app. While the company says that the option to skip cutlery was always available on its platform, it changed the default selection to "no-cutlery" in August 2021.

"Zomato's no-cutlery initiative was designed to reduce not just plastic but overall material waste. Our data suggests that three out of every five orders choose to opt out of receiving cutlery, which has resulted in an estimated 1,000 metric tonne reduction in cutlery waste till now," Zomato's Chief Sustainability Officer Anjalli Ravi Kumar told *The Hindu*.

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3 Hoysala temples inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Temples at Belur, Halebid, and Somanathapur get the coveted tag. The move is expected to bring global recognition with prospects of increase in international tourism

R. Krishna Kumar
MYSURU

The Hoysala temples at Belur, Halebid, and Somanathapur in Karnataka were declared as UNESCO World Heritage Sites on Monday in a move that will bring global recognition with prospects of increase in international tourism to these places.

The Chennakeshava temple at Belur and the Hoysaleshwara temple at Halebid – both in Hassan district – have been on the UNESCO's tentative list since 2014. The Keshava temple at Somanathapur in Mysuru district was appended to the other two monuments under the tentative list and all three were officially nominated by the Centre as India's entry for 2022-23 in February 2022.

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) said the coming together of creative genius, architectural eclecticism, and symbolism into this outstanding sacred architecture makes these Hoysalas temples a true work of art and their inscription is truly an honour for India and the entire world heritage community.

An expert from the International Commission on Monuments and Sites concluded the site visits covering all three temples in September last year and the monuments were officially inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites during the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Just a day earlier, Santiniketan in West Bengal was inscribed as a UNESCO site for the 2021-22 cycle.

All three temples are protected by the ASI and the nominations were entered as 'The Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas'. The Hoysala temples are known for evolving a distinct style that is ornate with temple architecture following a stellate plan built on a raised platform. The material used in temple construction is choloritic schist which is also known as soapstone that are soft and amiable to carving.

The temples have horizontal friezes and many of the sculptures are signed by artists which is unique in the history of Indian art while the doorways show intricate carvings showcasing the excellence achieved by the Hoysala artist. While the construction of the Chennakeshava temple at Belur commenced during the period of king Vishnuvardhana in 1117 CE and took 103 years to complete, the Hoysaleshwara temple was commissioned in 1121 CE while the Keshava temple at Somanathapur was commissioned by Somanatha Dandanayaka during the regime of Narasimha III in 1268 CE.

A. Devaraju, Commissioner, Department of Archaeology Museums and Heritage, said the inscription of the three sites as World Heritage Sites would give global recognition for the monuments known for sculptures and carvings and boost tourism.

The Chennakeshava temple at Belur in Hassan district. M.A. SRIRAM

State is now home to four UNESCO sites

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The inscription of Hoysala temples at Belur, Halebid and Somanathapur as UNESCO World Heritage Sites has taken the total number of such properties in the State to four, of which three are cultural properties while Western Ghats is a natural site.

The other two cultural properties are the group of monuments at Hampi belonging to the Vijayanagar period (14th to 17th centuries CE) and the temples at Pattadakal which stretch back to the days of Chalukyas and the monuments are dated from 7th to 9th centuries CE.

Though the three Hoysala temples are inscribed as World Heritage Sites, it is serial nomination and hence they are collectively designated as one site.

In addition, Karnataka has a few more sites under the UNESCO's tentative list and they include the megalithic burial complex at Hire Benkal in Gangavati taluk of Koppal district; temples at Aihole and Badami to be clubbed under serial nomination with Pattadakallu which is already a World Heritage Site.

Schoolchildren addicted to social media; user age limit needed, says High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that schoolchildren nowadays are addicted to social media, the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday orally remarked that the Central government has to, at least, bring in a minimum user age limit for accessing social media.

A Division Bench comprising Justice G. Narendar and Justice Vijayakumar A. Patil made the oral remarks during the hearing of an appeal, filed by X Corp (formerly Twitter), questioning the single judge's June 30 verdict of upholding blocking orders passed against X for removing objectionable posts and blocking accounts under the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

"Best is to ban social media. I will tell you a lots of good will come... Today schoolchildren are addicted to it. At least you should bring a user age limit. What maturity do children aged 17-18 have to judge what is in the interest of nation, and what is not? User of social media should be at least of the age of 21..." Justice Narendar said.

When a counsel representing the Central government said that the law at present requires the user to submit Know Your Customer documents to access certain online games, Justice Narendar orally asked why the same measures should not be extended to users for accessing social media.

The Division Bench of the High Court said the users of social media should be at least of the age of 21. FILE PHOTO

On amending rules

The High Court also observed orally that the rules may have to be amended so that intermediaries like X are not threatened with prosecution by the account-holders if the intermediaries are asked to take down objectionable posts or accounts while maintaining confidentiality of blocking orders.

Nepalese man held with Indian passport

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Immigration officials on Monday arrested a 35-year-old businessman from Nepal who was trying to board a flight to Bangkok using a valid Indian passport. The officials also caught a woman from India and a man from Nepal who told them that they had paid money to the accused for a job in Thailand.

The accused, identified as Uttam Hamal Hari Prasad, was caught while trying to pass through the departure immigration counter. On suspicion, Chandan Kumar, an officer with the Bureau of Immigration, confronted him and found that he had a Nepalese accent and questioned him further to recover the Nepal citizenship card from him.

Officials recorded the statement of Monika Armugam from India and Bishal Chand from Nepal and arrested Uttam Hari Prasad on charges of Passport Act and Foreigners Act.

Completing two decades of quizzing genius minds in the country

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

JK Tyre Range Series, in partnership with BSE, presents the 20th edition of the BusinessLine Cerebration Quiz 2023, one of India's premier corporate quiz championships. The quiz is open to business professionals, corporate executives, MBA candidates, and students from leading Indian B-schools. Participants stand a chance to win up to ₹1.5 lakh in prize money, with ₹75,000 for the first prize, ₹50,000 for the second, and ₹25,000 for the third.

The initial online shortlisting round attracted over 6,000 participants. The event aimed to shortlist the top six contenders from six cities: Chennai, Bengaluru, Kochi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Delhi. The Bengaluru regional round took place on September 17, featuring six participants. After an intense competition spanning four rounds, Sethu Madhavan triumphed as the winner with 43 points. Venkatesh Srinivasan and Siddharth Mishra came in second and third, respectively.

The welcome address was delivered by Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor of *BusinessLine*, and Sundarraman Ramamurthy, Managing Director of BSE. The quiz was hosted by Ajay Poonia. Fans of quizzing can watch the top six finalists go head-to-head by visiting https://bit.ly/BLQBLR2. The national finals, a live event, will be held at the BSE in Mumbai on October 29. Regional winners from all six cities will vie for the championship title from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sponsors of the event are JK Tyre Ranger Series as the title partner and BSE as an associate. Other associate partners include SBI, Greyon Cosmetics, and Parker Pens, with News X serving as the TV partner.

Govt. proposes to ban hookah bars in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has decided to amend the law for a complete ban on hookah bars, as they have become "a hub for sale and supply of drugs." It has also proposed to increase the legal age for purchase or sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the government would amend the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) to also include places of educational institutions, religious worship, healthcare institutions, parks, anganwadi centres, and public offices under the 100-metre buffer where tobacco products cannot be sold.

Mr. Gundu Rao announced these measures at a press conference along with Youth Empowerment & Sports Minister B. Nagendra.

Many unlicensed hookah bars have mushroomed, especially in Bengaluru and other cities, and many of them have become venues for substance abuse. A few months ago, in Bengaluru, police teams raided a few bars and unearthed consumption of narcotics by customers

Both Ministers held a meeting with senior officials on Tuesday. Mr. Nagendra said the intention of the government was to make the State free from drugs. Existing law would be amended to enforce the ban across the State.

T.N. notification

In August 2023, the Tamil Nadu government issued a gazette notifying the prohibition of hookah bars in that State. It specified the punishment for running hookah bars, which includes an imprisonment for a term not less than one year but may extend to three years and shall be liable to fine of not less than ₹20,000 but may extend to ₹50,000.

Seven leopard cubs at BBP succumb to contagious virus since August 22

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Seven leopard cubs have died at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) after being infected by Feline panleukopenia, a highly contagious viral disease.

The cubs that fell prey to the virus were aged between three to eight months, said A.V. Surya Sen, Deputy Conservator of Forests and Executive Director, Bannerghatta Biological Park.

Mr. Sen said that the first outbreak of the virus was reported on August 22 and since then seven cubs died while they undergoing treatment. "We have around 15 leopard cubs. In total, 11 cubs were infected, of which seven cubs succumbed," Mr Sen said.

He added that the surviving leopard cubs have fully recovered and doing well. "We have fully contained the virus and taken all necessary precautions to ensure that the animals are safe. Additionally, we are continuously monitoring the situation and ensuring that the enclosures have been disinfected and sanitised," Mr. Sen added.

Apart from the leopard cubs, one lion cub was also infected, which has also now recovered.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Feline panleukopenia is a highly contagious viral disease of cats caused by the feline parvovirus. Kittens are most severely affected by the virus.

Mr. Sen said that Feline panleukopenia affects only the cubs and the symptoms include fever, vomiting, severe diarrhea, and dehydration. He added that though the cubs were vaccinated, they were infected.

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RISE	10:13	SET	21:53
THURSDAY, SEP. 21			
RISE	06:09	SET	18:17
RISE	11:10	SET	22:43
FRIDAY, SEP. 22			
RISE	06:09	SET	18:16
RISE	12:09	SET	23:40

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	24
Mysuru	30	23
Bengaluru	30	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light to moderate rain and thundershower.

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ED attaches assets linked to Hindustan Infracon in fraud case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has provisionally attached immovable properties estimated to be worth ₹71.48 crore belonging to Hindustan Infracon (India) Private Limited under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). It is alleged that the company failed to return ₹199 crore to the investors.

The attached assets include non-agricultural land parcels and residential properties located in Mysuru, Bengaluru South (Karnataka) and Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh).

The ED initiated its investigation on the basis of first information reports registered by the Karnataka Police against Hindustan Infracon (India) and its directors under various sections of the Indian Penal Code.

According to the agency, the accused persons illegally collected deposits to the tune of ₹389 crore from 7,18,817 investors, on the promise of a phenomenal rate of returns.

Diverted funds

The ED found that the firm had allegedly diverted funds received from the investors and made payments to Bharath Builders, Hindustan Mega Shoppe India Limited (a sister concern), one K. Lalitha and Vajra Properties. "These funds were utilised for the purchase of immovable properties, withdrawal in cash, and thereby utilised for personal gains," it said.

'Accreditation and ranking of HEIs important'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"Accreditation and ranking are very important aspects for the nation-building process, whether it is NAAC or MBA. Hence, there should be a mechanism to check and validate the data submitted by higher educational institutions (HEIs) to authenticate their validity," said K. Radhakrishnan, chairperson, IIT, Kanpur and formerly secretary, ISRO.

He was delivering the 29th Foundation Day celebrations of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on Saturday. Prof. Radhakrishnan touched upon pertinent and relevant issues and challenges faced by the higher education system in the country and NEP implementation.

Anil Sahasrabudhe, chairman, Executive Committee, NAAC, stressed on the entire gamut of accreditation process and the need for transparency and integrity being inculcated in the process of assessment and accreditation, the release stated.

New branch inaugurated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Vasan Eye Care hospital in Rajarajeshwari Nagar was inaugurated by Nirmalananda Swami of the Adi Chunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt on Saturday. The new branch has been equipped with Modular Operation Theatre.

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Indian players to miss the FIDE World Junior Chess Championship

5 Ahead of the tournament, India had multiple setbacks, as players Vrashank Chouhan, Arun Kataria, Bhagyashree Patil, Prraneeth Vuppala, Femil Chelladurai, and their coaches didn't receive visas on time. PTI

Number of children under 5 who died in Sudan refugee camps

1,200 The children died due to suspected measles and malnutrition, while thousands are at death risk before year-end, according to UN agencies. REUTERS

The crops destroyed in Karnataka due to harsh drought

40 in lakh hectares. Two lakh hectares of horticulture crops were also damaged, State Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said. Karnataka has declared 195 taluks drought-hit. PTI

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854 cases. The National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NCDRC) successfully resolved these cases. During this period, 455 cases were filed. PTI

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Simultaneous polls: do States have a say?

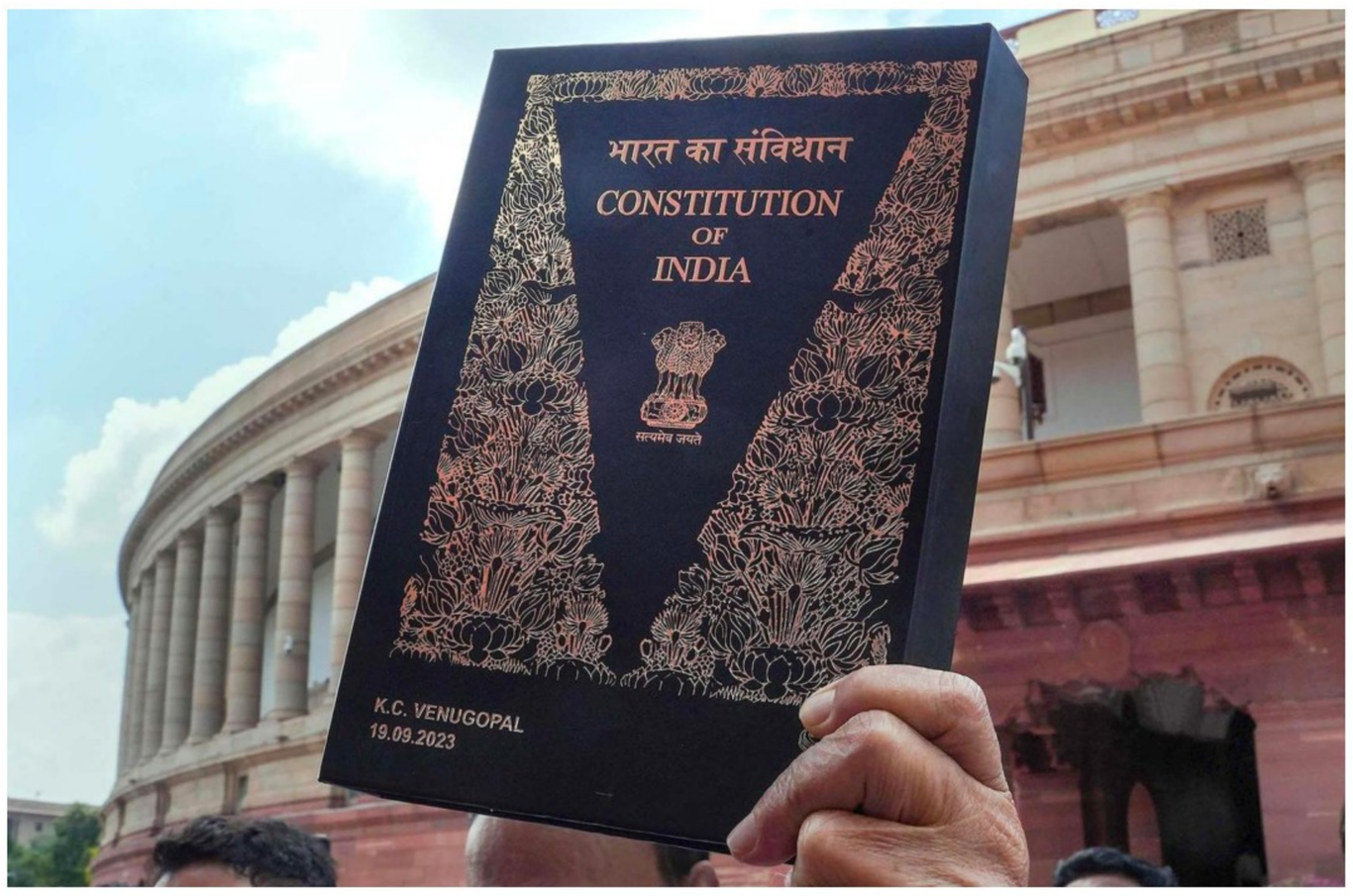
How is the Constitution amended? What are the different procedures for amending provisions in the Indian Constitution? Can constitutional amendments be struck down for want of ratification by States? Is there a time-limit prescribed for ratification?

EXPLAINER

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:

The Union government on September 2 set up a committee under the leadership of the former President of India Ram Nath Kovind to look into the feasibility of simultaneous polls to State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha. The eight-member High-Level Committee is set to examine the 'one nation, one election' idea and make recommendations for holding simultaneous elections in the country. The Law Ministry has outlined seven terms of reference for the panel – one of them is to examine and recommend if the constitutional amendments required to facilitate simultaneous elections would require ratification by the States.



An overhaul: Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury holds a copy of the Constitution, near the new Parliament building, in New Delhi on September 19. PTI

THE GIST

The Constitution was envisioned as a living document capable of morphing with the needs of the times. Article 368 governs the process of amending the Constitution.

The Constitutional provisions that require ratification by States in order to be amended are specifically listed in the proviso to Article 368(2) and pertain to the federal structure of the Constitution. They are commonly referred to as 'entrenched provisions'.

In August 2018, the Law Commission of India, chaired by Justice B. S. Chauhan, released a draft report stipulating that simultaneous elections are not feasible within the existing framework of the Constitution.

Which Articles deal with the process of amendment?

The Constitution was envisioned as a living document capable of morphing with the needs of the times. Article 368 governs the process of amending the Constitution. Constitutional amendments can take place through three different procedures.

The first is through a simple majority of those present and voting in each House of Parliament. That is, some provisions in the Constitution can be amended in the same way ordinary legislations are passed; it does not require a specific quorum. Such provisions are excluded from the purview of Article 368, thereby creating a separate category. Some examples include amendments contemplated in Article 4 (changes related to the organisation of States), Article 169 (abolition or creation of Legislative Councils in States), and para 21(2)13 of Schedule VI (provisions for the administration of Tribal Areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram), among others.

For amending provisions not within the first category, Article 368 stipulates that they can be effected by a prescribed 'special majority,' wherein not less than two-thirds of the members are present and voting in each House of Parliament as well as by a majority of the total membership of each House. Although this requirement may be deemed as applicable only to the final voting stage, the Lok Sabha Rules prescribe adherence to it at all effective stages of the Bill – for adoption of the motion that the Bill be taken into consideration; that the Bill as reported by the Select/Joint Committee be taken into consideration in case a Bill has been referred to a Committee; for adoption of each clause or schedule, or clause or schedule as amended, of a Bill; or that the Bill or the Bill as amended, as the case may be, be passed.

A third category requires both a 'special majority' and ratification by at least one-half of the State legislatures. No specific time limit for ratification by the State legislatures has been specified but resolutions ratifying the proposed amendment should be passed before the Bill is presented to the President for his assent.

Which amendments require ratification by States?

The constitutional provisions that require ratification in order to be amended are specifically listed in the proviso to Article 368(2) and pertain to the federal structure of the Constitution. They are commonly referred to as 'entrenched provisions' and are as follows – if there is a change in the provisions regarding elections to the post of the President of India (Article 54 and 55); if there is a change in the extent of the executive power of the Union or the State governments (Article 73 and 162); if there is any change in the provisions regarding the Union judiciary or the High Courts. (Articles 124-147 and 214-231); if the distribution of legislative and administrative powers between the Union and the States is affected (Article 245 to 255); if any of the Lists in the Seventh Schedule is affected; if the representation of the States in Parliament is changed (Article 82); and if Article 368 itself is amended.

For instance, the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016, which introduced the Goods and Services Tax regime was ratified by more than half of the State legislatures before receiving the President's assent on September 8, 2016.

What were the debates regarding 'entrenched provisions'?

The Constituent Assembly debates show that Dr. B.R Ambedkar was in favour of the ratification by States for the amendment of certain constitutional provisions to ensure that the federal structure of the Constitution remains fundamentally unaltered. "...to say that even those articles of the Constitution which pertain to the administrative, legislative, financial, and other powers, such as the executive powers of the provinces should be made liable to alteration by the Central Parliament by two-thirds majority, without permitting the provinces or the States to have any voice, is in my judgment altogether nullifying the fundamentals of the Constitution," he said. Dr. Ambedkar cautioned that permitting all constitutional amendments to take place by a simple majority would defeat the principle of separation of powers among the three organs of the State.

Can a constitutional amendment be struck down if not ratified?

In *Kihoto Hollohan versus Zachillhu* (1992) popularly known as the Anti-Defection case, the constitutional validity of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution inserted by the Constitution (Fifty-second Amendment) Act, 1985 was challenged on the grounds that the amendment was not ratified by the States. Though the Tenth Schedule was to deal with defection, it also purported to oust the jurisdiction of all courts by virtue of Paragraph 7. The amendment brought about changes with respect to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the High Courts – one of the provisions that require ratification by half of the States. A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court upheld the validity of the Tenth Schedule but declared Paragraph 7 of the Schedule invalid for want of ratification.

On July 20, 2021, the Supreme Court in *Union of India versus Rajendra N. Shah* struck down provisions of the Constitution (97th Amendment) Act, 2011 to the extent that it introduced Part IX B in the Constitution to deal with co-operative societies. The Court unanimously held that the amendment required ratification by at least one-half of the State legislatures as per Article 368(2) of the Constitution, since it dealt with an exclusive State subject – per Entry 32 in List II of the Seventh Schedule. The majority judgment invoked the doctrine of severability to make Part IXB operative only insofar as it concerns multi-State cooperative societies.

Can a State rescind its ratification?

There is no definite answer. There is no specific mention of it in the Constitution nor have courts in India dealt with this before. Moreover, since the prevailing constitutional practice makes ratification by at least half of all the States sufficient for compliance without requiring all States to consent, such a situation is unlikely to arise.

Experts argue that permitting the rescinding of a ratification not only creates confusion but also makes the amending process more rigid.

In the U.S., Article V, which is the corresponding provision in the U.S. Constitution, has been interpreted to mean that once a State has agreed to an amendment and communicated it to the Secretary of State, it cannot rescind its ratification. However, the U.S. Supreme Court in *Chandler versus Wise* (1939) held that a State can ratify an amendment even if it has rejected it previously.

What has the Law Commission said?

In August 2018, the Law Commission of India, chaired by Justice B. S. Chauhan, released a draft report stipulating that simultaneous elections are not feasible within the existing framework of the Constitution.

It suggested that appropriate amendments have to be brought about in the Constitution, the Representation of the People's Act 1951, and the Rules of Procedure of Lok Sabha and State Assemblies before such a poll is conducted. Notably, the Commission highlighted that a constitutional amendment to this effect must receive ratification from at least 50% of the States.

However, experts have cautioned that bringing about such amendments as recommended by the Law Commission is not possible without infringing upon the federal structure of the Constitution.

According to P.D.T Achary, former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, in order for simultaneous polls to take place all existing State Assemblies have to be dissolved, which currently have different tenures. This can be done in two ways– either the ruling government in the State recommends this voluntarily and the Governor gives assent, or there is a breakdown of constitutional machinery and the President gets involved through a recommendation of the Central government. However, since the latter is hardly likely for every State simultaneously, the only option left is for the Union government to amend Article 172 which stipulates that every legislative Assembly of every State, unless sooner dissolved, shall continue for five years from the date appointed for its first meeting.

Mr. Achary explains that such an amendment cannot be brought about without violating the federal structure, particularly in States ruled by the Opposition. "If you want to amend that provision so that State elections can be synchronised with Lok Sabha polls, Parliament cannot do so as it will be infringing on the federal structure of the Constitution. The Union government/ Parliament cannot impose its will on States. The Union government can otherwise only get the States ruled by the BJP to voluntarily recommend the dissolution of the State Assemblies. But States ruled by the Opposition will not agree," he said.

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ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮಲ್ಪೆ ಬೀಚ್ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರವಾಸಿಗರ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ, ಮನೋರಂಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ ಬೀಚ್ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗಮಿಸುವ ಪ್ರವಾಸಿಗರಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರೀತಿಯ ಜಲಸಾಹಸ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆ ಸೇವೆ ನೀಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ 3 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಈ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲದ ನಿಷೇಧಿತ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ) ಹಾಗೂ ಮಲ್ಪೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಮಿತಿಯು ಪ್ರವಾಸಿಗರಿಗೆ, ನಾಗರಿಕರಿಗೆ ತೃಪ್ತಿಕರವಾದ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಿ ಪರಾಮರ್ಶಿಸಿ ಅನುಮೋದಿಸದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದಿನ 2 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತೀ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೊಮ್ಮೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಷರತ್ತಿಗೊಳಪಡಿಸಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ನವೀಕರಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ಷರತ್ತಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಂಘ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಲ ಸಾಹಸ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ವೈಯುಕ್ತಿಕವಾಗಿ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ K/C-8 Standard bid documentರ ನಿಯಮ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು (ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವಂತೆ) ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.09.2023 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.00 ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 25.09.2023ರ ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸೂಕ್ತ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂದಪಟ್ಟ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದವರಿಂದ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಟೆಂಡರು ವಿವರ	ಬೋಟ್ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ	ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಬೋಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೊತ್ತ	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ	ಟೆಂಡರು ವಿಧಾನ
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ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಕೆ.ಐ.ಎ.ಡಿ.ಬಿ ಏರೋಸ್ಪೇಸ್ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ 2x150 ಎಂ.ವಿ.ಎ, 220/66/11 ಕೆ.ವಿ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಉಪಕೇಂದ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿರುವ 220/66/11 ಕೆ.ವಿ ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ-ಬಯಲ್ (BIAL) ಲೈನ್‌ನಿಂದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಿತ 220/66/11 ಕೆ.ವಿ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಉಪಕೇಂದ್ರದವರೆಗೆ ಟವರ್‌ಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ಸುಮಾರು 6.622ಕಿ.ಮೀ ಪ್ರಸರಣ ಮಾರ್ಗವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಮಾರ್ಗವು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.09.2023 ರಂದು ಅಥವಾ ತದನಂತರದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್‌ಚಕ್ತಿ ಹರಿಸಿ ಚಾಲನೆಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಸದರಿ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಗೋಪುರಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಟ್ಟುವುದಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಜಾನುವಾರುಗಳನ್ನು ಗೋಪುರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಟ್ಟುವುದು, ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ತಂತಿಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಹಸಿ ಬಳ್ಳಿ, ಬಟ್ಟೆ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿಗಳನ್ನು ಎಸೆಯುವುದು ಮಾಡಬಾರದೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಇಂತಹ ಕೃತ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಎಸೆಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಂಟಾಗುವ ಅಪಘಾತಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಐಎಡಿಬಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲೂ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೂ ಇದರಿಂದ ಆಗುವ ನಿಗಮದ ನಷ್ಟವನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟವರು ಭರಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಎಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-
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(ORDER 5, rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
In the court of Ms. Disha Singh
Civil Judge-02 (West)
Room No. 361, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
Suit No.:- CS/1758/2022
Raghubir Chand Garg
Versus
Rajagopala Reddy Malayanuru Sukka
To,
Sh. Rajagopala Reddy Malayanuru Sukka
Prop. of M/s Sri Lakshmi Enterprises, H Ramaswamy Building, Shop No.2, Opp. Sansera Engg. And Biocon Sez, Jigani Link Road, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Yarandahalli, Anekal Taluk, Karnataka-562105
Also at : 253, 10th Main, Chikkabidarakallu-Hobli, Near Manjushree Garments, Tigalarapalya Main Road, Peeny II Stage, Karnataka-560058
WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the **17-10-2023** the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined exparte.
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the court, this 12-09-2023. Sd/
Seal Civil Judge-02 (West) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF REGIONAL MSE FACILITATION COUNCIL, MADURAI REGION
(As per the interest on Delayed payments to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act 200)
O.P. No. 13 / MSEFC / Madurai / 2023

Thiru P.S. Visweswaran - M/s. PAS Exports
Flat No. 1/216, Kannan Colony, Chinthamani, Madurai - 625 009.
- Petitioner

Mr. Mohamed Ali & Mrs. Jabeen Parveen
Narmada Group of Hotels, No. 4, 1st Main Road 5th Block Kormangala, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 095.
- Respondent

Whereas the above Petitioner supplied bags from **14.07.2022** to **21.01.2022** from invoice no. **AA271/22-23** to **AA 661/22-23** totalling value **Rs. 15,42,220.40** for which they have received payment **Rs. 8,68,035.00** and balance of **Rs. 6,74,185.40** yet to be received. They have supplied goods on your urgent need request. As the customer delayed payment and tried to dodge supplier, A case have been filed in the court of Regional MSE facilitation Council Madurai to the Respondent M/s. Narmada Group of Hotels Bangalore Karnataka. Council directed the Respondent to appear before this council through video Conference or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to this suit on **25.09.2023** at **10.30 am** through video conferencing to answer the claim, and the Respondent is directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which the Respondent intend to reply in support of the defense. In this regard, Kindly contact DIC GM **(Contact No. 8925533965)** for this video conferencing link, take notice that, in default of your appearance (thro video conferencing) on the day mentioned, the petition will be heard and determined in your absence as Exparte.

P.S. Visweswaran - M/s. PAS Exports - Madurai - Petitioner

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur -591302, Office: 08336-222163 e-mail:eekpdkhanapur@gmail.com

No: 453 Date: 16-09-2023

INFORMATION QUOTATION NOTIFICATION (REINVITATION)

Information quotation are invited vide this office notification No 175 dated on 08.06.2023, due to change in some of the items the quotations are reinvited for work of "Consultancy services for detailed survey, investigation preparation of designs, drawings, estimates, package estimates, DTP and necessary Land Acquisition proposals for lift scheme for providing drinking water facility (bulk supply) for villages and filling of existing MI/ZP tanks in Santibastavad hobli, Belagavi taluk & district by lifting water from Malaprabha River near Kusamalli village" as per the Standard norms of KNNL by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited from the registered consultant agencies. Last date to receive Information quotation is 27.09.2023.

Note: The Quoted rates shall be Exclusive of GST

Scope of Work:

No.	Description	Unit	Rate (Rs.)
	Part-A: Data Collection, Detailed Survey and Investigations		
1	Collection of all necessary data such as preliminary report, details of MI tanks proposed for filling in Belagavi taluka, relevant toposheets of the area, current schedule of rates, nearest GTS bench mark etc., complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge	Job	
2	Preparation of C-planning of the scheme containing assessment of quantity of water required for filling of all Minor Irrigation tanks, establishment of water available under Malaprabha River for filling the same, fixing duration of pumping based on the inflow data, identification of techno economical location of lifting points, location of intake channel, pump house, Rising Main, Pressure Distribution System, delivery points and Gravity distribution System based on toposheet study & reconnaissance survey and submission of proposals with for approval etc complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
3	Collection of all necessary data and existing condition of the MI tanks, and identify the various improvements to be made for the MI tanks, preparation of preliminary report, estimates and drawings etc complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
4	Establishment of Control Points at lifting points, Delivery Chamber near Malaprabha river by carrying levels from the nearest GTS BM or the BM established by the department, taking levels of the river/nala along the proposed alignment of the lift points at close intervals so as to bringout an accurate profile of the river/nala & also detailed survey of delivery chamber, sub stations etc complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Nos	
5	Detailed planning based on toposheets and fixing alignment of Rising Main, Pressure Distribution System, Gravity Distribution System, fixing control points and TBMs along the alignment, taking centre line levels at every 20m interval and at crossings such as roads, nalas, vallies etc., and taking Levels at every 20m interval and at crossings, taking FRL and Top level of the MI tanks , preparation of L-sections for fixing outlet levels at MI tanks etc complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
6	Borrow area material soil sample collection by using JCB/mechanical excavator and trial pit excavation at 500 m c/c maximum upto maximum 1.00 m depth, collection of borrow material samples and samples transportation and conducting relevant tests on evaluating suitability of borrow material 15 casing soil samples and 8 hearting soil samples etc., complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge	Nos	
	Part-B: Preparation of Alignment Proposal, Designs, Drawings and Estimates		
7	Preparation of design, estimate and drawings for MS rising main, Pressure Distribution System, Gravity Distribution System, comprising excavation of trench, supply, jointing, laying and testing of MS pipe, construction of structures, thrust blocks, valves, service road etc., complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Km	
8	Preparation of design, estimate and drawings for Intake Canal and Jack well cum pump house and its appurtenant works including roads around Jack well and Electrical Sub-Station, O & M Staff and Watchman Quarters etc., complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
9	Preparation of designs, estimates and Drawings for pumping machinery, pump house electrical works comprising selection of suitable type of pumps, motors, arriving capacity of pumps based on pump head and discharge, starters, H T panels etc. complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
10	Preparation of designs, estimates and Drawings for electrical substation, terminal bay, alignment of power transmission line duly by conducting detailed check survey and other electrical substation works including civil works etc. complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
11	Preparation of preliminary analysis and estimates for surge protection system of the scheme complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	No	
	Part-C: Preparation of Survey, Design, Drawings and Estimates for Barrage		
12	Fixing Techno-economical alignment of proposed construction of Barrage across Malaprabha River Near Kusamalli village necessary approach roads, suggesting feasible alignment proposal for storing required quantum of water, establishment of permanent bench mark at both flanks of the river at the proposed Barrage site by the carrying levels from the reference Bench Mark considered for established by the department etc., complete as directed by the Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
13	Taking block levels of the river along the proposed alignment of the Barrage at closer intervals as per the site conditions for preparation of cross section of the river. The levels shall be extended at both flanks well above the proposed top level Barrage etc., complete as directed by the Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
14	Topographical survey of the river course and preparation of capacity contours and assessment of storage capacity of the Barrage, fixing FRL of the barrage with respect to the existing barrage as per the storage requirement etc., complete as directed by the Engineer in charge.	Job	
15	Demarcation of FRL contour on ground by direct contour method using DGPS / Total Station / Auto Level , including ground verification at all locations required to be monumented in terms of both position as well as elevation with respect to MSL. Work also involves providing list of such points in terms of numbers, position (geographical coordinates) and elevation (with respect to MSL). etc. complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Km	
16	Preparation of detailed designs, drawings, estimates for proposed Barrage as per approved general arrangement drawing. The design shall confirm to guidelines of KNNL, relevant IS codes and latest circular of Govt. of Karnataka etc., complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
	Part-D: Preparation of Reports		
17	Preparation of Package Estimate for implementation of the scheme comprising, Lift Head Works, Rising Main, Pressure Distribution System, Gravity Distribution System, Jackwell cum pump House, Electro Mechanical works, Surge analysis, improvement to existing tanks and other appurtenant works for providing drinking water facility (bulk supply) for villages and filling of existing MI/ZP tanks in Santibastavad hobli, Belagavi taluk & district by lifting water from Malaprabha River near Kusamalli village on lumpsum Turn-key basis including O & M of the scheme for 5 years from the date of commissioning including submitting 8 No's of copies and 2 soft copies etc., complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
18	Preparation of Bid Document for implementation of the scheme comprising, Lift Head Works, Rising Main, Pressure Distribution System, Gravity Distribution System, Jackwell cum pump House, Electro Mechanical works, Surge analysis, improvements to existing tanks and other appurtenant works for providing drinking water facility (bulk supply) for villages and filling of existing MI/ZP tanks in Santibastavad hobli, Belagavi taluk & district by lifting water from Malaprabha River near Kusamalli village on lumpsum Turn-key basis including O & M of the scheme for 5 years from the date of commissioning including submitting 8 No's of copies and 2 soft copies etc., complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	

I) Copy submitted for kind information to:1)The Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, 4th Floor. Coffee Board Building, Dr. B.R.AmbedkarVeedhi, Bengaluru-560001 for kind information and further need full. 2)The Chief Engineer, KNNL, Malaprabha Project Zone, Dharwad, for kind information and further needful. 3)The Inspector General of Police (Vigilance) Irrigation Department, Basava Bhavana, 4th Floor, Bengaluru for favour of kind information. 4)The Chief Accounts Officer, KNNL, Vijaya complex, Shrinagar Circle, Haliyal road, Dharwad. 5)The State Tender Bulletin Officer, Office of the Secretary, Water Resources Department, IIIrd floor, Vikas Soudha, Bengaluru with a request to publish the notification in the State Bulletin. 6)The Deputy Commissioner, District Tender Bulletin Officer, Belagavi District, for information and requested to publish in the District Bulletin. 7)The Superintending Engineer, KNNL, MLBCC Circle, Naviluteertha, for Kind information and further needful.

II) Copy forward to,
Assistant Executive Engineer, KNNL, MLBCC Sub-Div No.13,Belagavi, for information & further needful.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
KNNL, Kalasa Project Division,Khanapur.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-420/MCA/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Zilla Panchayath, Ballari.
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari.

No.: EE/RDWS&SD/B/JE-2/JJM/Tender.Nofi/2023-24/1012 Dated:15.09.2023

E-tender Notification (KTTP Act 2000)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari hereby calls the e-tender for execution works under Jal Jeevan Mission, (JJM) Head Ballari District Kampli & Siruguppa Taluks works through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal** for bidders who are registered by Public work department. The information regarding tenders will be made available in **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)** website & Tender document download date **16.09.2023** The last date to receive the tender from eligible bidders is at 04.00 pm on **25.09.2023** Date of opening of Technical Bid is at 05.00 pm on **26.09.2023** and Pre-bid meeting is held at Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ballari, Above SBI Bank, Sudha Cross, Cantonment at 11.00 am on 19.09.2023. For any tender related quarries or more information bidders can contact above said office or e-procurement help desk up to 21.09.2023 at 4.00 pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Division, Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/294/KSMCA/2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works **(1)** No.KPCL/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT/324/Call-2 Date:15.09.2023 for **"Supply, Testing & Retrofitting of 7 Nos. of 0.2s Class 3Ph, 4 wire Energy meters with ABT feature having IP & DLMS protocol, time synchronizing with GPS along with accessories for ICTs & STs and Networking & Commissioning with the existing ABT metering Management system at RTPS". (2)** No.KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT353/Call-2 Date:15.09.2023 for **"Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of One set of 26V, 2000Ah capacity Tubular type lead acid in transparent SAN container battery banks (One set consist fo 13 no of 2V, 2000Ah capacity cells) with all accessories and necessary spares to retrofit the existing one set of 26V, 2035Ah Plante battery bank of Unit-5 with buy back arrangement". (3)** No.KPCL/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT667/Date: 09.09.2023 for **"Supply, retrofitting, Testing and commissioning of Air Circuit Breaker in existing 75KW LT Module in Clarifier 2 Clarifier 3 and Unit # 5 & 6 AHP LT switchgear and providing with multifunction numerical Motor protection relay pertaining to EE(OLA)E Division". (4)** No.KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT672 Date:09.09.2023 for **"Painting of electrical panel, ESP Hoist support structure and motors pertaining to Unit-1 to 4 of RTPS".** Date of receipt of tenders for the above works: **25.09.2023 up to 16.45 Hrs.** for **(Sl.No.1) 16.30 Hrs. (Sl.No.2 & 3) & (Sl.No.4) 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the (Sl.No.1&2) Executive Engineer (GM-2), Mobile No.9449596534 **E-mail:eegm2rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in/eegm2rtps@gmail.com (Sl.No.3)** Executive Engineer (OLA)E, Mobile No.9449596537, E-mail:**eeolaertpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in/eeolartps@gmail.com** (Sl.No.4)Executive Engineer (LT)-1, KPCL, RTPS. Shaktinagar-584 170 Mobile No. 9449596537 E-mail:**eelt1rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in / eelt1rtps@gmail.com**

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(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001. Ph No. 080-22265383
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No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-16/234/2023-24 Date: 19.09.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-III & above (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work of Providing & Laying of 355MM Dia MS Pipe, 600MM Dia Manual Trenchless work and Restoration of 5MLD Water Supply Scheme from Hidkal Reservoir to Kanagala Industrial Area, Hukkeri Taluk, Belagavi District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : 19.10.2023 upto 04:30 pm.

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1

DIPR/CP/1361/AKAR/2023-24

Govt of Karnataka
(Dept of Urban Development)
District Urban Development Cell
Deputy Commissioner's office,
Mandya District, Mandya
E-Mail: ka.mandya.dudc@gmail.com Ph.No:08232-231111
No:MUN(06)LW/2021-22 Date:16-09-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through The Government Of Karnatka Public Procurement Potal)

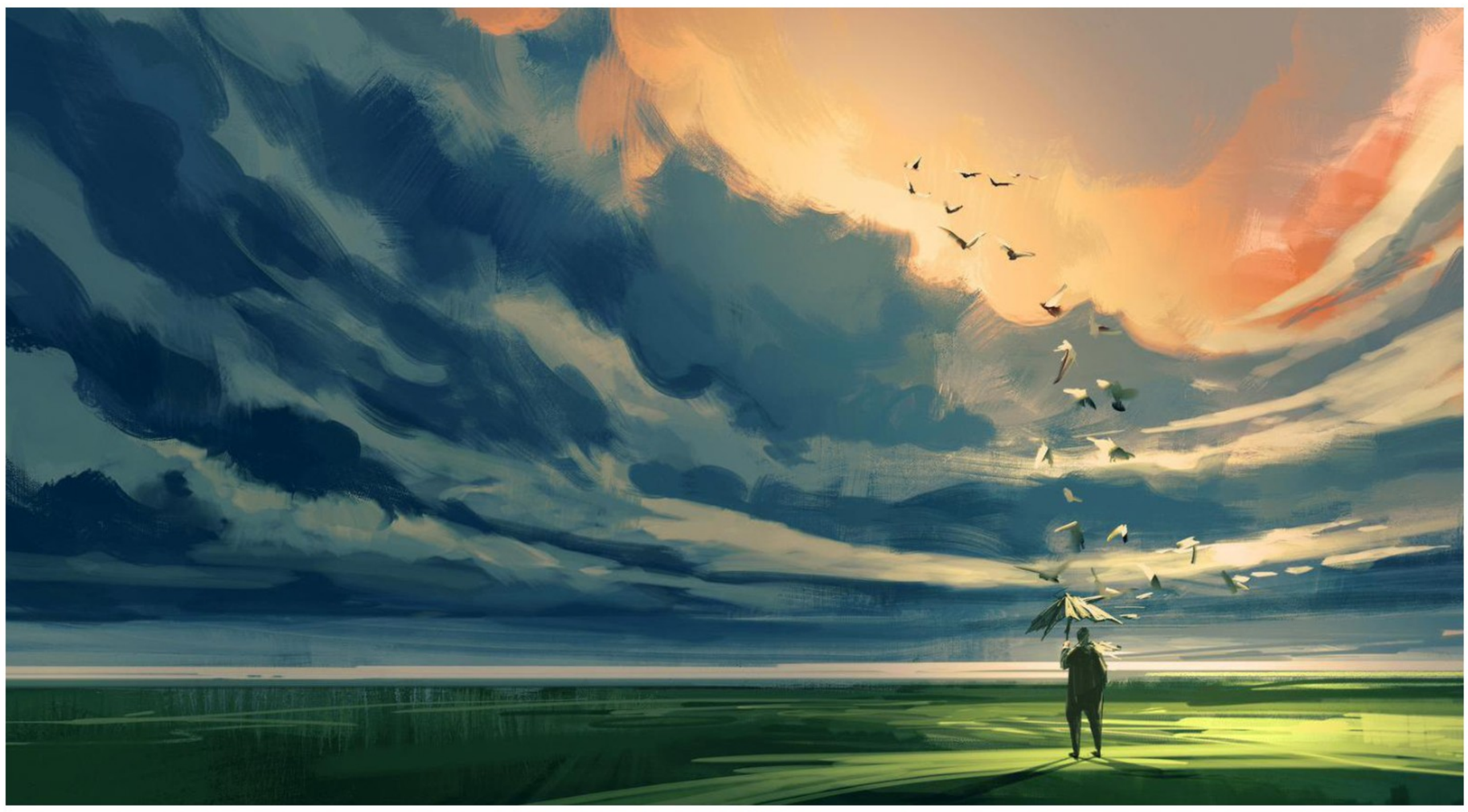
Under the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 project, a tender has been invited through the Public Procurement Portal of the Government of Karnataka under the Karnataka Standard Tender Document – KW-4 as per the Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Directions 1999-2000 Act 2000. Eligible tenderers can participate in the tender through the portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl.No : **01**. Work Details : **Remediation and reclamation of land by Processing and Disposal of Legacy waste at Survey no. 733 of Hootagere SWM site of Town Municipal Council Maddur as per Central Pollution Board Guidelines (DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT554 CALL-2).** Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Lakhs) : **201.03.** Amount of E.M.D(in Rs.) : **3,02,000/-.** (1) Tender Pre-Bid Meeting Date:**12-09-2023 at 11.30 AM, Place: District Urban Development Cell, DC office, Mandya.** (2) Last Date for Submission of Tender (Through e-portal Only): **30-09-2023 Upto 5.30 PM**. (3) Date of opening of Technical bid through e-portal: **03.10.2023, 11.30 AM.** Details contact Health Section District Urban Development Cell, DC office, Mandya in working hours on working day and also through e-procurement website: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Note: Any changes in the calendar of events and Tender conditions will be notified through e-procurement portal only.

Sd/-Project Director, DUDC, Mandya

DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMCA/ 203/2023-24

ABSTRACT



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Environmental humanities: the need to expand our understanding of nature

By incorporating narratives about the interplay between nature and diverse communities through stories of rivers, landscapes, plants, animals, and the communities' perspectives and ecological wisdom, conventional notions of nature should be re-evaluated

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Aiyadurai, Ambika and Shandilya, Trishita, 'Environmental Humanities as a Way Forward', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 58, Issue 31, August 5, 2023

The environment, from an academic point of view, has for centuries been understood from the lens of science. Scholars and experts have explored issues related to ecology and the environment through a utilitarian understanding of nature. While studies around the relationship between humans and nature have been more forthcoming in the last few decades, the field of environmental humanities is relatively recent.

The paper discussed here is an introduction to environmental humanities that encompasses the traditional understanding of human and non-human interactions within nature which result in sustainable co-existence.

Bias against 'soft sciences'

Positioning themselves as scholars working on environmental humanities in a science and technology institute where the discipline of humanities and social sciences is part of their coursework, the authors explain how the mere introduction of humanities as a chapter would not help remove the dichotomy between the sciences and the bias against the "soft sciences". The authors critique how mainstream debates on the environment in such setups are devoid of any discussion on human nature interactions and issues of social justice with regard to environmental issues. The authors explain that instead of looking at science as the only solace to providing solutions to environmental issues, disciplines of humanities and social sciences must also be taken seriously to understand indigenous epistemologies that broaden our understanding of nature.

While explaining the need to move away from a Western knowledge system and the solutions it provides, the authors also warn us against a unified understanding of the traditional knowledge system of the environment. The nationalist project such as the Indian Knowledge Systems is dangerous as it is a mere replacement for the Western understanding of nature. It lacks the multitude of narratives and perspectives from various social and marginalised groups that discuss the entanglement of human beings with the environment.

The nation and nature

In India, nature has been considered intrinsically connected to society and culture. The nation is seen through the lens of nature, ecology or as a sense of place. There are two dominant understandings of a nation. The first one considers the nation as one place where nature is universal to its citizens as an ecological reality. Ecological nationalism is used to justify the utilisation or restriction of nature. The second understanding goes beyond the unitary sense of nation or nationalism and finds multiple perspectives that define the nation in connection to nature – as the affiliation to a piece of land and to its people who have various cultural identities. It is a sense of belonging, despite diverse notions about the ecology and environment.

In India, there are various narratives that help us rethink the relationship between man and nature. The authors attribute today's environmental challenges to utilitarian progress models that have extracted natural resources from the environment, disregarding these narratives. In looking at the environment as a physical entity meant to be exploited according to man's wishes, neo-liberal establishments have separated people's indigenous experiences and narratives from our understanding of nature.

When emphasising the need to include the concept of the social in understanding the environment, another problem that arises is the conceptualisation of society as a homogenous and unitary entity. This common fallacy results in the exclusion of multiple, rich narratives of the marginalised communities. The dominant understanding of the environment while using gender, caste and tribal experiences as case studies, still largely remains androcentric and Brahminical, according to the authors.

Indigenous narratives on nature

The relationship that Dalits or tribal communities have with the environment is complex and much deeper than dominant narratives. While they have been given limited access to space, land and water due to the exclusionary practices that persist, owing to the caste system, they have a stronger connection with nature as they consider the environment to have agency and influence. Such narratives reject the reductionist attitude towards ecology/environment that exists among mainstream understandings of the concept. Therefore, it is essential to incorporate the perspectives of different marginalised communities, such as those based on gender, caste, and tribal identities, into discussions within academic and policymaking circles to challenge the monopolistic understanding of the environment.

In urging the need to bring forward the discipline of environmental humanities in the global South, the authors highlight the uniqueness of the interdisciplinary field of study. They explain that the discipline shifts away the central focus from the dominant figure of the 'human' and recognises that neither humans nor non-humans take precedence in the discourse, contributing to a better comprehension of the environment as an entity in its own right.

Further, the discipline demands both social and environmental justice by centring and de-centring humans and non-humans as it recognises that environmental issues cannot be separated from social injustices and discriminations faced by marginalised communities.

Environmental humanities is an open-ended discipline that constantly evolves and continually redefines the perception of the environment.

In incorporating narratives about the interplay between nature and diverse communities through stories of rivers, landscapes, plants, animals, and the communities' perspectives and ecological wisdom, the discipline enriches our understanding of the environment and helps us re-evaluate conventional notions of nature.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The Hindu came into existence on September 20, 1878. A quiz on one of the oldest and most respected newspapers of India on its 145th birthday

V. V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1

The publication was started to rebut the *Anglo-Indian Press'* unfair campaign against the appointment of the first Indian Judge of the Madras High Court. Name the judge.

QUESTION 2

What two-word moniker is normally given to the six founders because of where they resided?

QUESTION 3

The Hindu was a weekly to start with before becoming a tri-weekly in 1883 and a daily in 1889. On what day of the week did it initially come? And what was the initial run of copies?

QUESTION 4

In which month and year did the ownership of *The Hindu* pass on to Kasturi Ranga Iyengar?

QUESTION 5

Which famous Indian leader made this remark about the newspaper: *'The Hindu* always reminds me of an old maiden lady, very prim and proper, who is shocked if a naughty word is used in her presence. It is eminently the paper of the bourgeois, comfortably settled in life. Not for it the shady side of existence, the rough and tumble and conflict of public life'?

QUESTION 6

In the year of India's independence, *The Hindu* started a publication that lasted a score years. Name it and its initiator, who is regarded as the first of his kind in Indian newspaper history.

QUESTION 7

In 1984 and 1994, the group launched two thriving publications. Name both.

Visual question:
Identify this longest-serving editor of *The Hindu*.

Questions and Answers to the September 18 edition of the daily quiz: 1. Ekistics begins from anthropos to X, a hypothetical planet-wide city. **Ans: Ecumenopolis**
2. In 2001, Philip Reeve published a work of fantasy fiction in which this city moved around with engines and wheels, devouring the planet's resources. **Ans: London**
3. In 1960, Freeman Dyson hypothesised this structure that would enable the inhabitants of a planet to consume all the energy produced by a single star. A civilisation that manages to do this would be Type II on this scale. **Ans: Dyson sphere; Kardashev scale**
4. In 1897, a British expedition burnt down this city in Nigeria as retaliation for killing two British officers. **Ans: Benin City**
5. One of the world's largest geologic provinces is located in Maharashtra, as the result of this volcanic formation in the State. **Ans: Deccan Traps**
Visual: This is a night time view of this city. **Ans: Shanghai**
Early Birds: K. N. Viswanathan| Jagrati Shukla| Harsha| Rashi Rahul

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, a number of readers would like to know how to use 'a', 'an' and 'the'."

" 'A', 'an' and 'the' are called articles. 'A' and 'an' are called indefinite articles and 'the' is called the definite article. The indefinite article is used before a singular, countable noun. The use of 'a' or 'an' depends on whether the following noun begins with a vowel sound or a consonant sound.

A cup, a jug, a table, a name, a tree, an apple, an orange, an Englishman.

You use the indefinite article when you refer to something that is not specified. Look at the following sentences: "Long, long ago, there was a king. The king had three daughters." In the first sentence, 'a' is used before the word 'king'. The word 'king' is a countable, singular noun, that is, you can talk about 'one king', 'two kings', 'three kings' and so on. The word 'oil' is not a countable noun; that is, you cannot say, 'one oil', 'two oils', etc. You talk about its quantity; some oil, more oil, less oil, etc. 'A king' means a king you don't know anything about. In the second sentence, 'The king had three daughters', 'the' is used before 'king'. 'The' is the definite article. 'The' is used because 'king' has been specified. It means that the 'king' mentioned in the second sentence is the same person who has been already mentioned in the first sentence and not some other king. So, the definite article defines the noun. The indefinite article doesn't specify or define. Generally, when a singular countable noun is first introduced, the indefinite article is used before it. When you refer to the same noun again, you put the definite article before it. In the sentence, 'The hospital in this town is not very good', 'the' is used before 'hospital' because you are referring to a specific hospital.

The man in the corner is a rogue.
The dog over there is ferocious.

"Sir, which of the two is correct? (a) A cat is a cunning animal (b) The cat is a cunning animal."

"Both are correct. 'The' or 'a' can be used when you want to generalise. Here 'a' doesn't refer to a specific cat. It refers to cats in general. 'The' and 'a' refer to the class of cats.

A dog is a grateful animal.
The dog is a grateful animal.

You can also use the plural to convey the same meaning.

Dogs are grateful animals.
Cats are cunning animals.

So, you can use the definite article 'the' or the indefinite article when you want to generalise about something. This use is called classifying or generic one. (a) He bought a lamb. (b) A lamb is a meek animal. Sentence (a) refers to a particular lamb that was bought and (b) refers to lambs in general. Lamb in (b) is a generic term. 'Generic' means characteristic of a genus or class. Here 'lamb' refers to the whole class of lambs. I hope you understand the meaning of 'generic' now."

"Sir, Mr. A. K. Gokhale, Thane, wants to know whether 'review' is used in the sense of 'revise' in American English."

"Yes. 'I must revise my lessons'. In American English, it would be 'I must review my lessons'. An American reviews the lessons before an examination and an Englishman revises them."

Published in The Hindu on May 30, 1989

Word of the day

Tantamount:
being essentially equal to something

Synonym: equivalent

Usage: *What she did was tantamount to treason.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/tantamountpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈtæntəˌmaʊnt/

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OPPORTUNITIES

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‘AI upskilling: Seven in ten professionals raring to go’

LinkedIn, which conducted the study across India , says it is unlocking its AI courses for free until December 15, 2023

New research from LinkedIn reveals that over 8 in 10 professionals (81%) in India are alive to the reality that Artificial Intelligence (AI) would transform their jobs. And seven out of 10 Indian professionals (71%) are ready to “flow with the stream”, learn more about AI, even if they do not know where to start.

In fact, 68% of the workforce admits to already using generative AI in their job, with one in two professionals (50%) trying out generative AI tools like ChatGPT, the LinkedIn data shows.

Millennials (54%) are leading the usage of ChatGPT followed by GenZ (46%) professionals, the LinkedIn research reveals.

The LinkedIn study further notes that Indian professionals are demonstrating greater curiosity and enthusiasm for the future ahead with 66% of them feeling they should know more about AI. This need to appear ‘in the know’ might be stemming from the fact that 65% believe their colleagues are better versed in AI than they are, the study adds.

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When asked about how they think AI would help move their career forward, 57% of professionals said it would make them more confident at work by giving them faster access to knowledge, while 43% said they would get a quicker promotion as they would be able to focus on work that adds more value.

Many are already thinking of ways it can help them be more productive, with 79% planning to use AI to solve problems/ overcome obstacles at work; and 74% saying it will take boring tasks off their plates so they can focus on work that excites them the most, the study says.

Over 7 in 10 professionals (75%) have progression on their mind as they plan to use it for career advice, it adds.

Work-life balance

More than half of India’s workforce believes AI can make their jobs easier and therefore increase job satisfaction (55%) and help them achieve greater work-life balance (74%).

As AI can take away some of the drudgery of their daily jobs, professionals are hoping to have more job satisfaction and lead an improved quality of life. Professionals are also keen to invest their freed up time in strengthening their professional networks (45%) and learning new skills for their job (48%).

LinkedIn’s India Editorial Lead and Career Expert Nirajita Banerjee says: “This is undoubtedly an era of change with generative AI gaining more prominence in the workplace. While getting up to speed can be challenging, it is encouraging to see people focus on the positives that AI can bring to their working lives.

Nine in 10 (90%) professionals in India believe that AI will be an invisible teammate in the next five years and with their time freed up, many are looking to invest in themselves by learning new skills, focusing on more creative and strategic work, and growing their professional network, all which are strong career boosters.”

According to a communication from LinkedIn, to help professionals develop AI skills, LinkedIn is unlocking its AI LinkedIn Learning courses for free until December 15, 2023.

‘Workplace well-being in Asia, a matter of concern’

The inaugural Aon TELUS Health Asia Mental Health Index report, which explores workplace mental health and the impact on productivity across 12 countries in Asia, has revealed that 82 percent of workers in Asia have a high (35 percent) to moderate (47 percent) mental health risk, which highlights a growing concern of workplace well-being in Asia. Thirteen thousand professionals participated in the online survey conduced by Aon plc (a global professional services firm) in collaboration with global healthcare firm TELUS Health.

Burnout on the rise

Key findings on workplace productivity showed that 45 percent of respondents report their mental health is negatively impacting their work while stress, anxiety and burnout are on the rise. Additional findings include:

1. Fifty-one percent of employees reported feeling more sensitive to stress this year compared to last year.
2. Forty-five percent of them believe their colleagues are showing more signs of stress this year.
3. Further, thirty-three percent of workers are currently finding it difficult to concentrate on their work.
4. Forty-seven percent reported ending their day feeling mentally and/or physically exhausted.

The report revealed that 54 percent of employees believe their career options would be limited if their employer knew they had a mental health issue.

The countries where the online survey was conducted are: China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

GENERAL

Recruitment Advertisement Addendum Extension in Last Date of Submission of Online Application for CO2 to Methanol Plant

This is with reference to **Advertisement No. 15/23** published for inviting applications for the following posts for **CO2 to Methanol Plant**:

Post	Min. Req. Experience	Vacancies
Head of Maintenance	15 Years	01
Shift Charge Engineers	12 Years	04
General Shift Support & Safety	07 Years	01

The last date of receipt of online application has been extended till 29.09.2023.
Interested candidates should log on to our website careers.ntpc.co.in or visit careers section at www.ntpc.co.in for viewing the **detailed eligibility criteria, remunerations, full text of the advertisement and for applying**. Only online mode of application will be accepted.

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The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) recognised as a premier national Examination Board in the country is looking for competent individuals for the post of Chief Executive & Secretary. The place of posting will be New Delhi, though the position is of a transferable nature. The Candidate, with an upper age limit of 55 years, should be a postgraduate with a Professional Teaching Degree from a recognised University and having at least ten years of teaching and administrative experience in a school/working in an examination board or any other educational organisation. Experience in a school affiliated to the CISCE/practical experience & knowledge of working of the CISCE will be preferred. The total gross salary per month (CTC) will be approximately Rs. 5 Lakhs. Interested individuals may apply within 10 days of the advertisement, by sending their CV with a covering letter to Dr. G. Immanuel, Chairman, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, P 35-36, Sector 6, Pushp Vihar,Saket,New Delhi-110017, by superscribing ‘ Application for the post of Chief Executive & Secretary’ on the envelope. Alternatively, interested individuals may apply by sending their CV and covering letter by email to chairman@cisce.org.

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- Assistant Professor (Neurology)
- Administrative Medical Officer
- Senior Purchase & Stores Officer - A

Opening Date for Online Submission of Applications – 20.09.2023
Closing Date for Online Submission of Applications – 18.10.2023

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4. MANAGER/DEPUTY MANAGER (ARCHITECT)
5. MANAGER/DEPUTY MANAGER (CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT)
6. MANAGER (PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION)
7. MANAGER (PROJECTS)
8. REGIONAL MANAGER (CONSUMER BUSINESS)
9. DEPUTY MANAGER (FINANCE)
10. DEPUTY MANAGER (CIVIL)
11. ASSISTANT PLANT MANAGER (ENGINEERING & FACILITY MANAGEMENT)
12. JUNIOR SCIENTIST (QA)

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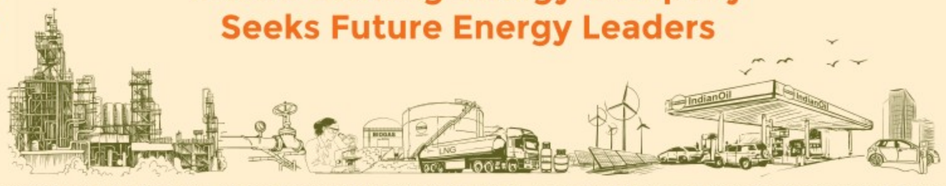

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Cauvery: CM to discuss water release with State MPs, Union Ministers in Delhi today

A delegation led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is expected to meet Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to discuss the Cauvery water release issue. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) directing Karnataka to continue releasing water at the rate of 5,000 cusecs to Tamil Nadu for another 15 days, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar have called a meeting of the Members of Parliament and Ministers from Karnataka in the Union government in New Delhi, during the ongoing Parliament session, on Wednesday, to discuss the situation.

Mr. Shivakumar said that the direction has put the State in a "catch-22 situation" and it has sought the Centre's intervention to resolve the issue.

On Wednesday evening, a delegation led by Mr. Siddaramaiah is expected to meet Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. Mr. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, appealed to the Opposition BJP, its leaders and MPs to prevail upon the Prime Minister to bail out Karnataka.

"We are in a catch-22 situation, we do not have water, but still have to respect whatever may be the decision of the authority. We are appealing before the apex court. I am going to Delhi to meet the MPs. We will also take a delegation to the Central (Jal Shakti) Minister. We have also requested the PM to intervene and bail us out," Mr. Shivakumar said. "The Central government has to help us out. BJP leadership has to join us to save Karnataka."

The CWMA's directions came after the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) last week recommended that Karnataka release water at the rate of 5,000 cusecs every day for the next 15 days to the neighbouring state.

Bommai's suggestions

On former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's suggestion not to release water to Tamil Nadu and asking Karnataka to prepare for a legal battle, Mr. Shivakumar said, "We will consider this suggestion seriously, but his suggestions are aimed at putting us in a fix politically, in the court. We will fight legally; there is no other word on this."

Mr. Shivakumar sought to know what they (BJP) did on the issue when in power in the State. "Did they not release water overnight?" he asked.

Hitting back, Mr. Bommai said that at every step, the Congress government had put the "farmers and common people of the State in a spot, in order to rescue itself." It was to "cover up the Congress government's failures" that Mr. Shivakumar and other Ministers were suggesting that a delegation meet the Prime Minister to seek his intervention, he said. Unless the State's legal team and experts speak about the availability of water in Tamil Nadu's dams, this situation will continue, Mr. Bommai argued.

Pointing to the case coming up before the Supreme Court on Thursday, Mr. Shivakumar said, "We are not interested in releasing water at any cost, but the court case should also be kept in mind... I am going to Delhi, requesting all MPs to put pressure on the Central government for intervention. We will put in all our efforts. Mr. Bommai tells us not to release water, but if the court questions us on complying with the order (of authority), what options are left with me or Mr. Bommai," Mr Shivakumar asked.

'Keep politics aside'

"In the interest of the State, everyone should cooperate. We will have to apprise the Supreme Court about our situation. We will certainly fight legally," the Deputy Chief Minister said, asking Mr. Bommai to ensure that the PM intervenes in the issue, "keeping politics aside."

Noting that JD(S) patriarch and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, in the Parliament, rightly suggested an out-of-court settlement based on his seniority and experience, Mr. Shivakumar said Mr. Bommai being a former Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister should be speaking on similar lines, with his experience.

Taking a similar stand, JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that Karnataka should have approached the Supreme Court with an emergency appeal soon after CWMA ordered release of water rather than "show haste" in releasing water to Tamil Nadu.

Karnataka has a rich legacy of women's quota in local bodies

Despite strides made in local bodies, representation of women in the Legislative Assembly has remained poor

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

While the Women's Reservation Bill introduced in Parliament on Tuesday has led to country-wide discussion, Karnataka has had a noteworthy history with regard to reservation for women in politics.

Janata Dal (Secular) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, during his tenure as Prime Minister, was the first to introduce the Women's Reservation Bill on September 9, 1996, as the 81st Constitutional Amendment Bill in the Parliament, which proposed to reserve 33% seats in Assemblies and Parliament. "Though the Reservation Bill was passed in the Rajya Sabha, it was referred to the joint select committee by the Lok Sabha. A number of political issues stalled the passage of the bill," said MLC K.A. Thippeswamy, a long-time associate of the former Prime Minister. Incidentally, it was during Mr. Gowda's tenure as Chief Minister that women's reservation in Panchayat Raj was provided as per the provisions of the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution.

A file photo of a protest demanding, among other things, reservation for women. The current Legislative Assembly, with a strength of 224, has just 10 women members and the 34-member Cabinet has no more than one woman Minister.

Prior to 73rd and 74th amendments

However, Karnataka had a reservation model for women in local self governments much before the 73rd and 74th amendments in 1992. The State had provided reservation to women in the local bodies even in the Karnataka zilla parishats, taluk panchayat samitis, and mandal panchayats under Nyaya Panchayats Act, 1983, which had been later carried to Karnataka (Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj) Act, 1993. In fact, Mysuru Princely state provided reservation in its elected bodies. The Committee on Constitutional Reforms, 1939, headed by Dewan Srinivasa Iyengar and famous Kannada writer D.V. Gundappa as its member recommended exclusive reservation of 11 seats to women, including one each to Muslims and depressed class.

"Karnataka's legislation in the 1980s became a model to the country and in fact our act can be seen as the genesis of the 73rd and 74th amendment. Contribution to reservation went to the Janata government headed by Chief Minister Ramakrishna Hegde, Rural Development Minister Abdul Nazeer Sab," said former Minister B.K. Chandrashekar, who also took part in the discussions preceding the Rajiv Gandhi government's decision to move the 73rd and 74th amendment. He said that though decisions were based on political calculations after Congress's votes were disturbed in rural areas of Karnataka by the Janata government, the late Prime Minister was "genuinely interested" in women reservation. "In the process, he was convinced about the importance of reservation particularly due to the feudal nature in North Indian states."

However, despite these strides in local bodies, representation of women in the Karnataka Assembly has remained poor. The current Assembly with a strength of 224 has just 10 women and the 34-member Cabinet has no more than one woman Minister.

It is time for more

Meanwhile, former Minister Rani Satish, who was part of the Mahila Horata Samithi, an apolitical group of women politicians in Karnataka, said, "Over the last three decades, thousands of women have occupied positions in political and administrative spheres due to reservation in local bodies, and it is time that they are given more representation. Financial capabilities currently deter the entry of more women into electoral politics." Another former Minister Motamma, also a member of the Samithi along with Pramila Nesargi and Leeladevi R. Prasad among others, said, "To address the anxieties of men, seat reservation can be rotated. More women are coming into politics now than in the past."

Women's rights activists say reservation is 'not a done deal yet'

K.V. Aditya Bhardwaj
BENGALURU

Amidst euphoria over the government tabling the Women's Reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, women rights activists in Karnataka are cautious and skeptical, given the long history marked by many hopes belied. "We have seen so many false starts, and later the momentum fizzling out. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. While welcoming the government's decision to table the Bill, we also realise this is not a done deal yet and we are anxiously waiting to see how it pans out this time," said Tara Krishnaswamy, co-founder of Political Shakti, a non-partisan group working to improve women's representation in politics.

The Bill has to be not only passed in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha but also in 15 Assemblies. Meanwhile, the Bill doesn't address the "OBC quota within quota" that derailed the Bill earlier. Moreover, even if it is passed now, it will come into effect only after the next round of delimitation following the next decennial census, Ms. Krishnaswamy pointed out. "That is a lot of time and many things can change by then," she said. The next round of delimitation is scheduled for 2026. However, given that the 2021 decennial census is yet to even take off, that date is unlikely to be kept.

K.S. Vimala, of All India Democratic Women's Rights Association (AIDWA), said while they welcomed the "incremental step" of tabling the Bill in the Parliament, she said the credit must go to a quarter-century-long women's rights movement and not to any government."Why the delay in operationalising the law? Why not 2024? This country's women will not be fooled again. We want the Bill to be operationalised for the upcoming 2024 general elections itself, or else, the Prime Minister and his party will be exposed as trying to hoodwink the women of this country," she said.

"It is sad that the Bill seems to be being used as a political posturing ahead of elections, with an aim to consolidate women as a vote bank. But even without delivering them what is being promised. It appears like a post-dated cheque that can bounce anytime in the meantime," said women's rights activist Madhu Bhushan, of Naveddu Nilladiddare, a network of women's groups in the State.

Ms. Bhushan said the "only redeeming feature" of what has happened now is that the system seems to have woken up to the fact that women are a powerful constituency. "Now we the women need to wake up to the fact that we are a powerful constituency that cannot be taken for yet another ride," she added.

'Crops hit on 42 lakh ha'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Standing crops on about 42 lakh hectares, including two lakh hectares of horticulture crops, have been damaged owing to deficient rainfall during the current monsoon in Karnataka, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has said.

A memorandum seeking compensation to farmers who had lost crops owing to shortage of rainfall will be submitted to the Centre, Mr. Gowda told reporters in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The memorandum would be submitted to the Centre this week after approval by the State Cabinet.

As per the NDRF norms, the State would be eligible to get compensation to the tune of ₹5,000 crore to ₹6,000 crore. After the submission of the petition, the Central government would depute its team to the State to assess the drought situation, he said.

A total of 195 taluks out of the 236 in Karnataka would be declared as drought-hit.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, BIDAR

Ref:EE/RDWSD/Bidar/PB-5/Tender/2023-24/1033 Date: 16.09.2023

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Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd, Bangalore intends to establish a New Pouch Film Plant of capacity 1000MT expandable to 1200MT per month at Rajanukunte limits. KMF intends to avail the services of competent Technical consultant for Planning, Designing, DPR and periodical work inspection for the proposed new Pouch Film Plant which includes Mechanical, Electrical and service facilities of the project

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Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Period of completion
1	Technical consultant service for establishment a Pouch Film Plant of capacity 1000MT expandable to 1200MT per month for Karnataka Milk Fedaration at Rajanukunte limits.	1 Job	3,75,000/-	18 Months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: 20-09-2023 to 30-09-2023 up to 4.00 pm.
2. Last date for Tender submission on date: 30-09-2023 up to 4.00 pm
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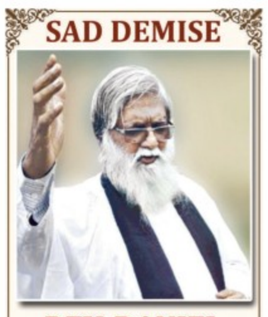

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‘We are watching as AI renders people irrelevant’

‘Social media has trained us to think in binaries, and the world does not exist in binaries. It has made people who know and understand little act like they know a great deal, says Usha Ramanathan

INTERVIEW

Usha Ramanathan

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

Usha Ramanathan says that she is a tech skeptic. “As a skeptic, I will question everything that comes,” says the human rights activist, who works on the jurisprudence of law, poverty, and rights. “It doesn’t mean that I will reject it, but I will not accept it until I question,” says Ms. Ramanathan, who has extensively engaged with issues around technology and the human conditions of freedom and liberty over the years.

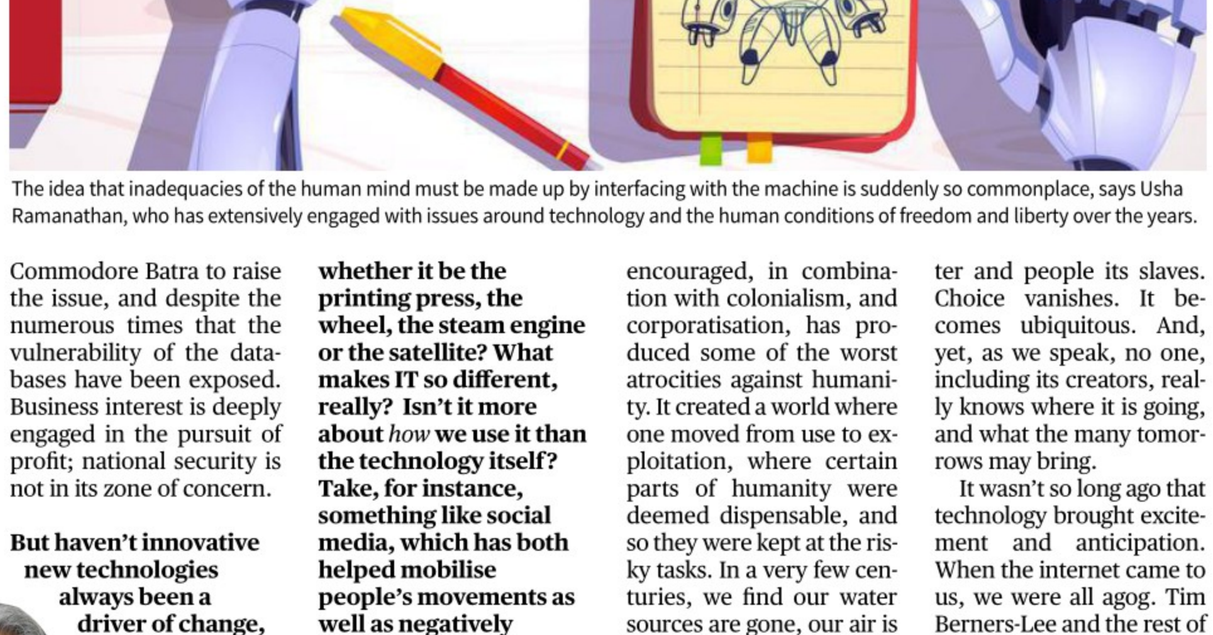
People have become the subject of technology, today, she adds. “It has become the new faith, and you need to worship it without question,” she says. “If you don’t follow it out of adoration, then you follow it out of fear,” believes Ms. Ramanathan, who does not own a mobile phone even today, claiming that she has never seen a need for one. “I like a certain mental space and this takes away from this,” she says.

Ms. Ramanathan, who recently delivered a talk titled *A Philosophy for Technology* at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) in Bengaluru, offers insights into why the ubiquitousness of technology is problematic, the issues associated with digital databases and why artificial intelligence is one of our most dangerous innovations to date.

A recent study by IBM claimed that data breach costs in India skyrocketed to ₹179 million in 2023, 28% from what it was in 2020. You have extensively written and spoken about how linked, digital databases are deeply problematic. Do you believe that having better data protection standards is the best way forward? Or does the problem lie in the digitisation of this data itself?

Years ago, we were told that you can’t use electronic and secret in the same breath, that they don’t sit well together. Once you create digital databases, to expect that you can actually secure them while eliminating the possibility of their being breached can only be myth-making. Security standards are being set and re-set as the state of knowledge of technology develops, and the standard prescribed is just what is known today. There is no guarantee against a breach.

I believe that indiscriminate digitisation, including of the many legacy systems, is one of the larger security risks we have created for ourselves. The potential for convergence of what used to be discrete databases enhances the risk. It is important to acknowledge that this thinking about the possibilities of technology is not imagination that has come from the State. It is imagination that has been fed to the State by business interests. It hardly needs saying that, for businesses, national security is not a priority. This explains the kind of digital products being created by business interest, and then, to use their language, `evangelising’ it to the State.



The idea that inadequacies of the human mind must be made up by interfacing with the machine is suddenly so commonplace, says Usha Ramanathan, who has extensively engaged with issues around technology and the human conditions of freedom and liberty over the years.

The State seems oblivious of the national security risk that such breaches pose - despite repeated attempts by persons like Commodore Batra to raise the issue, and despite the numerous times that the vulnerability of the databases have been exposed. Business interest is deeply engaged in the pursuit of profit; national security is not in its zone of concern.

Human rights activist Usha Ramanathan.

But haven’t innovative new technologies always been a driver of change, both positive and negative, whether it be the printing press, the wheel, the steam engine or the satellite? What makes IT so different, really? Isn’t it more about *how* we use it than the technology itself? Take, for instance, something like social media, which has both helped mobilise people’s movements as well as negatively impacted mental health and been a tool for State propaganda.

Technologies of different sorts have always created change, sometimes good and sometimes damaging. But I think we have made far too many mistakes in being starry-eyed about technology and not seeing the risks.

The unthinking adoption of what the Industrial Revolution brought, what it allowed for and encouraged, in combination with colonialism, and corporatisation, has produced some of the worst atrocities against humanity. It created a world where one moved from use to exploitation, where certain parts of humanity were deemed dispensable, and so they were kept at the risky tasks. In a very few centuries, we find our water sources are gone, our air is unbreathable, climate change is a pressing issue, and there is a deepening of poverty.

We lead terrible lives because of this that we thought was progress. Maybe we need to learn the lessons that hindsight is offering us.

In the case of information technology, artefacts have been placed with every single person. Every field of learning seems to have been deployed to get technology to be the master and people its slaves. Choice vanishes. It becomes ubiquitous. And, yet, as we speak, no one, including its creators, really knows where it is going, and what the many tomorrows may bring.

It wasn’t so long ago that technology brought excitement and anticipation. When the internet came to us, we were all agog. Tim Berners-Lee and the rest of his ilk had really opened up the world for us. That is how I too felt about it, until, one day, I read something that said that DARPA, the US defence research agency had a special interest in making it a part of life everywhere. It made me wonder... And then there was news that Tim Berners-Lee, the creator of the World Wide Web, was devastated because, as it was reported, he had `seen his creation debased by everything from fake news to mass surveillance’.

As for social media, I think there are some benefits, of course. Take, for instance, crimes against Dalits like the Una flogging incident, or the spread and reach of Black Lives Matter. More than being a forum for debate, it helps in awareness that certain things are happening, things that ordinarily may have been suppressed. But it is a double-edged sword. For instance, social media helped drive the Arab Spring, helping create collectivity. But we know what happened soon after when the State took control. They used the same platforms to persecute the protestors.

Then there is this Twitter thing of 140 characters - a classic statement on what technology providers think about human beings and their minds. They expect matters of great importance to be discussed in 140 characters. Again, social media has trained us to think in binaries, and the world doesn’t exist in binaries. It has made people who know and understand little act like they know a great deal, enough for prejudice to pass off as judgment anyway. I am often inclined to think that social media is one of those things that we should perhaps boycott, or refuse to be part of. It often seems like it doesn’t deserve a place in our midst.

Since that seems to be one of the most exciting technological developments in the recent past, what are your thoughts about generative AI? Is there something especially pernicious about it?

I have often wondered about why AI, and why now. It isn’t a new idea, but it is catching on like wildfire; the idea that inadequacies of the human mind must be made up by interfacing with the machine is suddenly so commonplace. Plainly, the generation of huge amounts of data is making it possible to think that the human mind stands revealed in all its weaknesses and fosters the belief that that data can be used to conjure up other intelligences that are more than a sum of its parts. That all this data is now within the reach and control of technology creators and controllers seems to have produced this moment of redundancy of the human.

The digital world is allowing us to reconstitute every person as data, and AI needs data. Identities are getting shrunk because of this as anything that cannot be captured digitally, with a certain amount of ease, is left out of the reckoning. We are therefore creating AI systems that are imperfectly depicting humanity. The consequences that it can have could be massive. I think it is a system that should fail.

It is a race to the bottom. I mean, what is the point of someone like Sam Altman going from government to government calling for AI regulation? You create something hugely problematic and then say regulate it? When you know regulation has provided few, if any, answers. Why create it in the first place? And what is meant when it is said, well, if I hadn’t made it, someone else would have anyway?

We are watching as AI renders people irrelevant by using their personal data, and seems to thrive on assumptions about human beings that it sees emerging from a mass of data. We see the many imperfections of generative AI and are asked to be patient with it as it tries to get it right - patience that technology creators and controllers do not have with human beings. There are also assumptions about human beings; that data that is gathered about us produces predictability. But is lived experience such a straight line? That is not how people live, think and act. Life is plural, after all.

Breeding of flat-faced dogs ‘immoral’, says PETA

Volunteers suggested adoption as a more humane and compassionate choice, rather than shopping for pets

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Many pugs go through their lives without breathing properly,” said a volunteer, who preferred not to be named, at a demonstration held recently at the World War Memorial at Brigade Road, to raise awareness about the respiratory problems faced by pugs and other flat-faced dogs. Wearing pug costumes and holding oxygen masks to drive home this point, volunteers and supporters of People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) urged compassionate citizens to never buy these breeds of dogs.

Members of PETA dress up in the costume of a dog breed called ‘Pug’ with oxygen masks to create awareness. ANI

Breathing difficulties

Flat-faced dogs or foreign brachycephalic dogs like pugs, Boston terriers, French and English bulldogs, and Pekingese are breathing-impaired breeds (BIB) who suffer from brachycephalic syndrome, which causes breathing difficulties, said the volunteer. “They usually require extensive corrective surgery to help them breathe, but these surgeries don’t assure that these dogs will be able to breathe without difficulty,” said Atharva Deshmukh, Campaign Coordinator, PETA India.

And yes, as the volunteer pointed out, these surgeries are not available to every brachycephalic dog out there. “Not every dog has access to corrective surgery. Only a very small percentage of dogs get this surgery. These conditions are not perfect or equitable,” he said.

An ‘immoral’ business

Agasthya, another volunteer, firmly believes that breeding flat-faced dogs is “immoral.” In fact, the breeding industry itself is deeply problematic, he argues. “Breeders follow the practice of forceful breeding, where dogs are bred through artificial insemination. It reduces animals to a commodity,” he alleged. It is also an unregulated industry. As Agasthya pointed out, most breeders operate illegally, as they are not registered with state animal welfare boards. To combat this problem, PETA India urged the Ministries of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying Parshottam Rupffala to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, 2017, to prohibit the breeding of these animals. “We’re working on two fronts. With pet owners who already own pugs, we’re asking them to register their dogs with the state and sterilise them so that we can stop them from reproducing. We are also appealing to government authorities to prohibit breeding of these dogs,” said Atharva.

Compassionate choice

Offering a “more moral” alternative, PETA volunteers posed adoption as a more humane and compassionate choice, rather than shopping for pets. Instead of buying dogs, Atharva suggested citizens think about adopting their pets instead. “There are over 80 million stray dogs and cats in India. Why not give them a home?” he asked.“There are so many stray dogs and cats who are just as much a part of the community as we are. They also need loving homes where they can be looked after.”

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 20, 1973

Urs criticises suggestion for President’s Rule

Bangalore, Sept. 19: The Mysore Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs, to-day deplored in the State Assembly Opposition suggestions for imposition of President’s rule in Mysore.

In his reply to the discussion on the adjournment motion on the situation posed by the recent food riots in the State and the disturbances in Mandya, the Chief Minister referred to the reference made by the acting Opposition leader, Mr. H.T. Krishnappa to President’s Rule and said he wished that people in responsible positions did not make such suggestions.

Nobody should wish for the President’s rule for it was not a desirable development. He could assert that it was not going to happen.

Mysore Assembly Jails 12 for Contempt

Bangalore, Sept. 19: For the first time in the history of the Mysore Legislative Assembly 12 young men were sentenced by the House to-day to undergo simple imprisonment for two days for contempt of the House.

When the House was considering a call attention notice the persons stated to be members of the Samajawadi Yuvajana Sangh, youth wing of the Socialist Party, took the House by surprise by raising slogans against the Government and showering leaflets from the visitors’ gallery. The slogans referred to Government’s failure to tackle the food situation and rising prices.

CITYBEATS

Gut feel

SEPTEMBER 23, 12 NOON TO 3PM
There will be a cooking masterclass at Justbe by Nidhi Nahata. The focus will be on gut health for physical and mental wellness and will be conducted by the founder of Justbe, Nidhi, who is also a lifestyle coach. Call 8884163061 or visit https://forms.gle/aAzRQUkvPbFmAeiU7 to register.
At Justbe by Nidhi Nahata

Just apricots

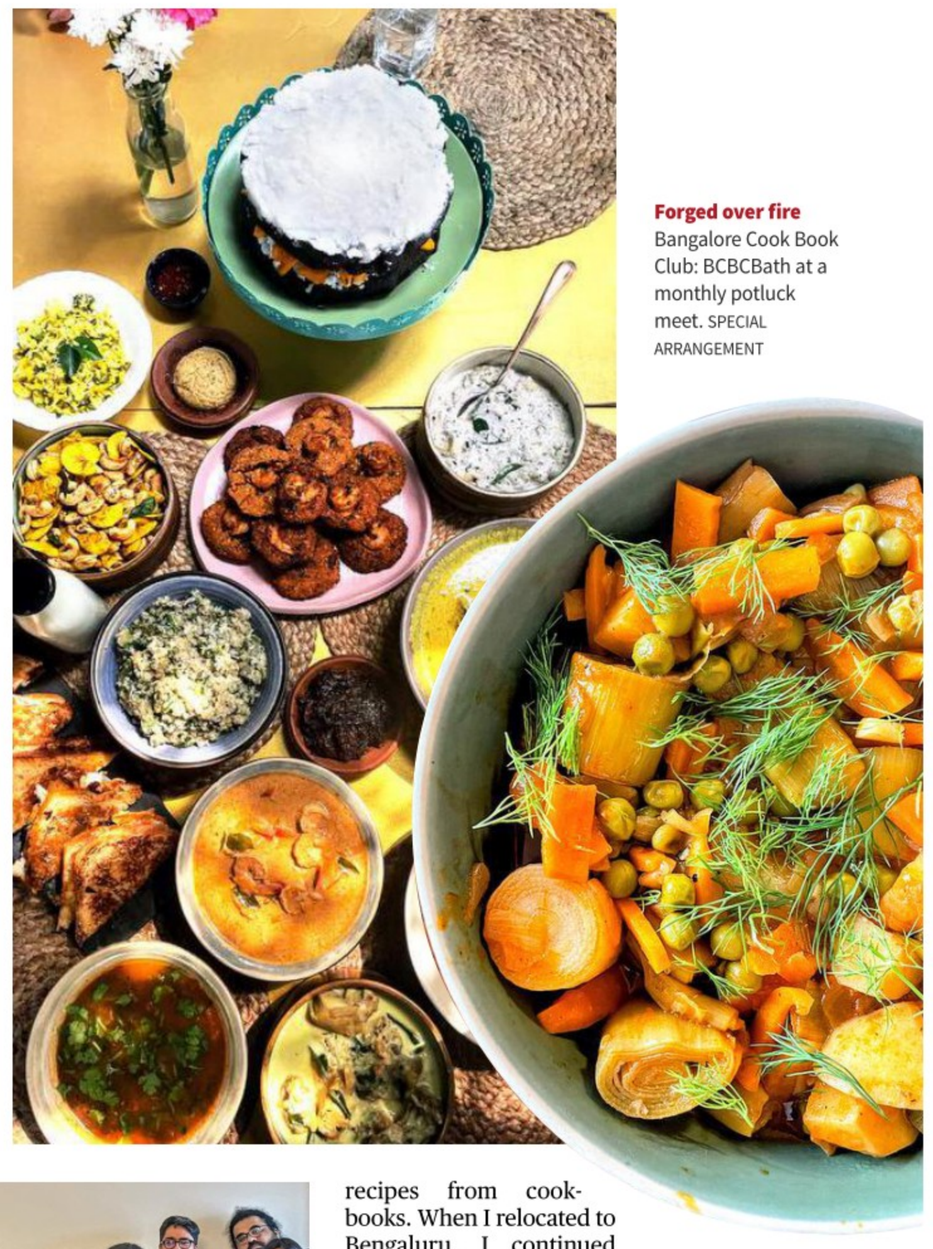
ON GOING
A range of desserts, made from apricots and cream called Apricot Delights has been launched by Namma spice.
Namma Spice is a cloud kitchen in Bengaluru, which also offers a range of Indian dishes that one can dig into. The desserts are also available on Zomato and Swiggy, priced at ₹149.
At Nama Spice, Koramangala

An ode to Burman

SEPTEMBER 22, 6.30PM
Bollywood music afficianados can gear up for a concert titled *Panchgem Da,* which will celebrate the immortal compositions of RD Burman. The concert, is also a fundraiser aimed at promoting science education in rural India with the assistance of Agastya International Foundation.
Tickets on BookMyShow. At Chowdiah Memorial Hall.

Demystifying cookbooks one at a time

The Bangalore Cook Book Club: BCBCBath, convenes once a month, bringing together food enthusiasts who share dishes prepared from the chosen cookbook



Forged over fire Bangalore Cook Book Club: BCBCBath at a monthly potluck meet. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Swathi Nair

"As a child, I used to watch a lot of cooking shows and the food channel was one of my favourites. Wanting to try different cuisines and be able to cook them has been something I've aspired for," shares Asha Das, a 34-year-old brand design and illustrator working in a tech company in the city. This year, Asha has been on a culinary adventure, whipping up delectable Greek and Sri Lankan dishes by following recipes from renowned cookbooks, including *Rambutan* by Cynthia Shanmugalingam and *Salt of the Earth* by Carolina Doriti.

Occasionally joining her in the kitchen, is fellow cookbook enthusiast Rahul Jadhav, 35, who moved to Bengaluru from Mumbai.

Together, they once prepared a delightful roast chicken curry with crispy curry leaves from Ixta Belfrage's cookbook, *Mezcla: Recipes to Excite*. Asha excitedly recounts, "We cooked and prepped together. It turned out great."

"And then the next day, we had the club potluck where we shared our food with other community members. Cooking alone can get a bit overwhelming especially when you are working with foreign ingredients and recipes," adds the 34-year-old Malayalee. Over the months of trial and experimentation, Rahul and Asha have forged a robust friendship as they bond over their shared passion for exploring new flavours and cuisines.

And they are not alone in this pursuit; they are part of Bangalore Cook Book Club: BCBCBath, a group of about 20 food enthusiasts who gather for potluck events. Here, over a leisurely Saturday lunch, they share the dishes they have prepared from the chosen cookbook of the month.

"I never cooked actively before joining the club. My motivation was to explore and experiment with new cuisines. Initially, the prospect of cooking for fellow members who were already skilled in the kitchen was quite intimidating," says another member, Divya Pal, 30, who works for

a software company in Bengaluru.

Yet, with time, these fears have simmered down. "Now I've realised that everyone shares the same apprehensions about how their food will ultimately turn out," she adds.

Since its inception in October 2022, BCBCBath's members have explored various cuisines from cookbooks such as *Maangchi's Big Book of Korean Cooking* by Maangchi and Martha Rose Shulman, *Mezcla* , *Rambutan*, Farokh Talati's *Parsi: From Persia to Bombay* , Saee Koranne Khandekar's *Pangat* , Yasmin Khan's *Zaitoun* , and *Salt of the Earth*.

Sahil Khan, a 34-year-old product designer and co-founder of the club, shared its origin story. He explains, "I started a cookbook club in Pune in 2017 because I made a New Year's resolution to enhance my cooking skills and venture into diverse cuisines. I approached my friends, inviting them to join me in exploring new recipes from cookbooks. When I relocated to Bengaluru, I continued this culinary journey."

Similarly, Apurva Chaudhary, a sales professional, initiated a cookbook club in Mumbai as part of her New Year's resolution to delve into cooking. Reflecting on her inspiration, she shared, "During my extensive travels, I had the opportunity to explore various global cuisines, especially during my time in France, Spain, Amsterdam, and parts of Southeast Asia. Although I savored a wide array of dishes, I never really explored cooking before this."

Sahil and Apurva crossed paths in Bengaluru while both were working in the city. Together, they founded Bangalore Cook Book Club: BCBCBath combining the first letters of Bangalore Cook Book Club, and which also translates to hot hot rice (*bisi bisi bath*) in Kannada.

The monthly potluck on Saturday, which is a feast comprising recipes from the chosen cookbook of the month is usually hosted at members' homes.

Cooking often becomes much more accessible when you can follow a recipe as it unfolds. In addition to deciphering recipes, sourcing exotic ingredients can also pose challenges which the club tackles together.

One cookbook Sahil really struggled with was *Mango Mia: Celebrating the Tropical World of Mangoes* by chef Vikas Khanna. "The recipes were rather haphazardly written – it was a very Indian mother-style book, *sab andaazey pay chal raha tha* (everything relied on our estimation)," he says.

In contrast, *Rambutan* by Cynthia Shanmugalingam, featuring recipes from Sri Lanka, received high praise within the club.

Some things work out, and some don't; with recipes and with life. And these Bengalureans still take on the challenge to make a magnificent feast fresh off the page and share it over a delicious Saturday luncheon with the friends they've forged while conquering recipes by culinary giants.

EATING OUT

Finding wonderland with Alice

Swathi Nair

The journey to Wonderland is not always through a whimsical secret garden or the pages of a fairy tale. Sometimes, the most enchanting and mystical places reveal themselves as luxurious cocktail lounges hidden in plain sight.

Surprisingly, the path to this Wonderland does not lead downwards but rather ascends one floor, perched atop Smoke House Deli in Indiranagar.

Adorned in lush shades of jungle green, myrtle, and deep spring tones, with striking black and white flooring and expansive arched windows, the décor transports you to the world of *Through the Looking Glass*, Lewis Carroll's sequel to *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Right from the ambience to the illustrated menu and the names of the cocktails, The Drawing Room is here to host an exclusive tea soiree. In this unorthodox Wonderland, the tea may be liberally imbued with ambrosial spirits, proffering an additional measure of jubilation and mirth, akin to the revelry found within the pages of Carroll's book.

While gin-based cocktails take centrestage, the menu also extends to agave, scotch, rum, vodka, tequila, mezcal, vermouth, and Pisco.

Curiouser and curiouser Go up the rabbit hole for wonderland. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Drawing Room
Hits: Corn ribs, Tweedle Twins Mezcal, The Gin Experience
Misses: Music, roasted vegetable tartlets
Wallet factor: A meal for two costs ₹2,500+ taxes

Enveloped in an ingredient-driven philosophy, the bar menu offers a comprehensive experience with a selection of signature and classic cocktails, featuring modern techniques such as clarified blends, fat-washed concoctions, vermouth-forward drinks and fruit-flavoured foam.

Their Tweedle Twins Mezcal is a blend of Creyente Mezcal, Campari, Italian Aperitif, and Martini Rosso, resulting in a cocktail that leans heavily on its smoky and bitter-sweet elements, with herbal notes from the vermouth.

Lory's Spiced Rum & Chai offers a creamy profile with Kraken Caribbean Black Spiced Rum and a mix of spices, including cinnamon, nutmeg, and cardamom.

The milk-clarified Kashmiri *kahwa* green tea contributes a velvety texture, and the combination of rose petals, roasted almonds, and dehydrated pineapple really up the ante here.

The food menu places strong emphasis on gourmet small plates, offering a selection of bar bites, sharing platters, and flatbreads. One standout dish is the slow-cooked potato, featuring a blend of charcoal-smoked tomato, Byadgi chilli, and peanut chutney, complemented by a side of garlic aioli.

Additionally, the menu boasts other delectable treats such as the smoked chicken wings made Korean style with Gochujang and Mirin; and Sake-tossed edamame beans and succulent corn ribs, generously coated in panko crumbs and served with a zesty spiced mayo.

For those seeking a heartier meal, the main course options include hazelnut-crusted Australian lamb chops, grilled black cod, almond butter stuffed chicken breast, tenderloin steak, and the comforting orecchiette pasta.

Our meal ended with some lovely desserts sourced from the Smoke House Deli restaurant downstairs, as The Drawing Room does not offer desserts on its menu.

Ruth Dhanaraj

"Ain't nothing like the real thing..." crooned Marvin Gaye and if he was here today he would sing the same tune – a tune that has listeners to Frizzell D'Souza humming the same.

"Everywhere I went, people would say, 'It was nice to see you outside of Instagram Live'. Their resounding response has been incredibly reassuring and I am grateful to fans for their support," says the Bengaluru-based artiste still ecstatic over the positive feedback to her first tour.

The tour which saw her perform in Mumbai, Delhi, Goa and Indore from the mid to the end of July, was a prelude to the release of , 'New - Acoustic', a reimagined version of her debut single, 'New', on her return to Bengaluru. It also marked many a milestone for the young artiste.

"The entire tour and release was centred around having been on the scene for about three years now as well as the smaller things that have happened since. A tour seemed to be the next step ahead to celebrate the time I've spent as a musician."

"Besides, for the longest time I've been trying to go to other cities to meet with fans instead of just on my Instagram Live," she says.

So, what sets apart the reimagined version of this song from her debut? "I've been wanting to revisit

Step by step Frizzell D'Souza has released an acoustic version of 'New'. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Brew another cup

'New' because I feel like I've evolved a bit more as a songwriter. At the time it came out, I was just playing around with the idea of releasing a song and I hadn't paid much attention to songwriting and production."

She admits it is unrealistic to expect initial releases to reflect "one's sound as an artist". "That is why I wanted to go back and release a version that was more visual. I felt like there was so much more that could have been done with the song in terms of conveying its idea and the story behind it."

The original had an electric guitar solo, which has been replaced with a bridge in the recently released acoustic version. "The piano adds an intricate, delicate sound to it being an acoustic version."

'New - Acoustic' features Derek Mathias on piano and was mixed and mastered by Varun Murali at The Red Music Box Studio, in Bengaluru.

"I was supposed to take up a job in January this year after my EP was completed. But, the thought of sitting in an office and declining gigs broke my heart, so that settled it for me," says the full time musician, who adds the original version of 'New' is still on her YouTube channel as well as other streaming platforms.

Caste discrimination at temple against Minister draws flak

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Politicians across the aisle condemned the alleged caste discrimination against Devaswom Minister K. Radhakrishnan at a Malabar Devaswom Board-owned temple in Kannur.

The alleged incident took place at a lamp-lighting ceremony marking the inauguration of the *nadapanthal* of the Payyannur Nambiatrakovval Siva Temple on January 26. Mr. Radhakrishnan said the chief priest baulked from handing over the lamp and gave it to the assistant priest, who placed the lighted wick on the floor. He said he felt slighted by the priests and officials.

"Discrimination in the name of caste and religion is still strong in our society," he said on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the news shocked him. "Mr. Radhakrishnan is the Minister in charge of Devaswom. How would ordinary temple devotees fare if someone meted out such a treatment to them? The government viewed the matter seriously," he said.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said the discrimination faced by the Minister had shocked Kerala's conscience. He said the Congress could not abide by such actions.

No mutations found in tested Nipah samples, says Minister

Virus present in bodies of infected persons in 2023 episode has not undergone mutations when compared with samples from earlier outbreaks, says Kerala Health Minister; no fresh case reported

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

The Nipah virus present in the bodies of infected persons in the 2023 episode in Kozhikode district has not undergone genetic mutations, compared with the samples tested in earlier outbreaks, Kerala Health Minister Veena George said. The current outbreak has claimed two lives.

She said on Tuesday that the Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Virology, Pune, had conducted a genomic sequencing of the virus present in the infected patients and fruit-eating bats from the affected areas in the 2018, 2019, and 2021 outbreaks.

On the mend: A health worker coming out from the isolation ward at the government hospital in Kozhikode on Tuesday. K. RAGESH

"The results of the genomic sequencing of the human virus [present in infected persons this time] were made available today. They are almost similar to the previous ones," Ms. George said. More studies would be held.

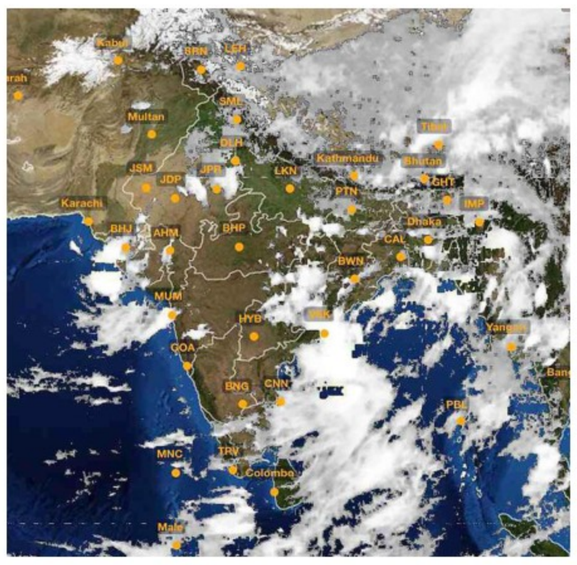
The Minister said no fresh case of the infection had been reported for the fourth consecutive day.

The body fluid samples of 49 more suspected patients had turned negative. The medical isolation period of 281 people on the high-risk contact list of the first patient was over.

Of the four infected persons, the condition of three was clinically stable. There was progress in the status of a nine-year-old child too. Fever survey had been completed in 52,667 houses. The Central team had reported that there was nothing unusual in the deaths of wild boars in the affected areas, she added.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Sikkim, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	6.6	33.2	24.8	Kozhikode	17	31.4	24.3
Ahmedabad	14	31.5	25.1	Kurnool	4	35.0	25.2
Aizawl	80	30.6	20.6	Lucknow	—	35.5	26.5
Allahabad	15.4	36.2	26.0	Madurai	24	34.4	24.1
Bengaluru	22	30.0	21.0	Mangaluru	13	30.3	23.8
Bhopal	—	—	22.1	Mumbai	11	32.3	25.2
Bhubaneswar	10	33.0	25.3	Mysuru	—	—	—
Chandigarh	—	33.6	26.3	New Delhi	—	36.1	26.4
Chennai	23	34.7	24.3	Patna	—	35.2	26.4
Coimbatore	—	33.5	22.8	Port Blair	32	30.9	23.5
Dehradun	—	34.2	24.7	Puducherry	—	33.7	24.0
Gangtok	17	22.0	17.0	Pune	1.8	30.1	21.5
Goa	28	30.5	23.2	Raipur	—	34.2	26.4
Guwahati	2	33.1	24.8	Ranchi	—	32.0	23.0
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	18	24.7	16.9
Hyderabad	—	32.6	23.6	Shimla	0.3	21.7	15.8
Imphal	3	26.7	21.1	Srinagar	4	30.4	17.5
Jaipur	3	32.1	23.8	Thiruvananthapuram	51	30.3	23.6
Kochi	22	30.0	24.0	Tiruchi	0.6	35.3	24.6
Kohima	—	26.2	17.9	Vijayawada	1	33.9	26.8
Kolkata	0.3	33.2	26.3	Visakhapatnam	38	30.8	24.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.32	..52	.43	57	68	
Bengaluru	...4	..27	.73	48	68	
Chennai	...3	..74	.81	.....—	33	
Delhi	...5	..27	.23	49	...138	
Hyderabad	...8	9	.39	.....—	...120	
Kolkata	.27	..22	.20	21	21	
Lucknow	...9	..21	.39	...110	67	
Mumbai	.43	6	111	.....—	50	
Pune	133	216	111	40	35	
Visakhapatnam	.12	..42	.47	60	88	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Surat, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 210 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sangli, Maharashtra recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

CCB arrests Abhinava Halashri Swami in MLA ticket fraud case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After a week of hot pursuit, Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials on Tuesday arrested Abhinava Halashree Swami, who was on the run after the arrest of six of his associates in the MLA ticket cheating case.

The accused had escaped soon after CCB officials arrested Hindutva activist Chaitra Kundapura and five of her associates on the charge of cheating Govindababu Pujary, a businessman, of ₹5 crore after promising him a ticket from the BJP to contest Assembly elections.

Halashree Swami had run away to Mysuru, from where he had reached Bhubaneswar before boarding a train to Varanasi. The special team tracking him down finally intercepted him on a train near Cuttack in Odisha on Tuesday. The accused had abandoned his saffron robes and was wearing a pullover and T-shirt. He had also purchased a new mobile phone and a SIM card, a police officer said.

Meanwhile, the main accused, Chaitra, who allegedly developed seizures in the custody of the CCB and was admitted to Victoria Hospital for treatment, was taken into custody again for questioning. She had told the media that "big names" would come out after arrest of the seer.

The seer is the seventh accused to be arrested in the case, as Chaitra and her five associates – Gagan Kadur, Ramesh, Dhanraj, Prajwal and Srikanth – have been arrested.

Another accusation

Meanwhile, another cheating case against Chiatra has been filed by a fisherman, who accused that she had taken ₹5 lakh from him promising to help him open two cloth shops. Though the cheating incident took place five years ago, the victim identified as Sudina, a fisherman and resident of Bramhavar, complained to the Kota police after her arrest.

14-year-old girl dies after consuming shawarma

The Hindu Bureau
NAMAKKAL

A 14-year-old girl who consumed chicken shawarma from a restaurant in Namakkal was found dead at her residence on Monday.

A total of 43 persons, including the girl, four of her family members and 11 medical college students, developed fever, stomach pain and diarrhoea after eating the dish.

They were admitted to Namakkal Government Medical College and Hospital and private hospitals.

The deceased has been identified as D. Kalaiarasi, of A.S. Pettai in Namakkal. She, along with her father Dhavakumar, 42, mother Sujatha, 38, brother D. Boopathi, uncle Sijoj, 60, and aunt Kavitha, 56, dined at the restaurant on Paramathi Road on September 16. They ate fried rice, shawarma and marinated meat dishes. Later, the girl, a Class IX student at Kottai Government High School, developed complications. She was taken to a private hospital on Sunday and treated as an outpatient. She passed away on Monday morning.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Managing Director, BMRCL, General Manager (Contracts) invites Open Tender for the work **"Proposed redevelopment of BBMP road from BPL corner to Kadugodi depot boundary (Approx. length : 360 Rm) of Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase-2".** Estimated Cost: **Rs. 1.87 Cr.** Tender Security Amount: **Rs. 2.80 Lakhs.** Sale of Tender Documents (Online only): **From 21.09.2023 to 30.10.2023.** Date and time of submission of Tender (in person only): **31.10.2023 from 10.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs (IST).** Date and time of opening of Tender: **31.10.2023 at 15.30 Hrs.** Cost of Tender Document: **Rs. 11,800/-.** For more details, visit our website: **www.bmrc.co.in from 21.09.2023.**

Sd/- General Manager (Contracts)

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ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION

(1) No. KPCL/2023-24/PH/WORK_INDENT 406/Call-2 Date: 11-09-2023
Bids in two parts are invited through GOK e-Procurement Portal **(Website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for the work of **"Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 04 sets of high pressure valves with filters in MIV pipeline for 4 units of Sharavathy Generating Station, EMD : Rs.69,905/-.** Last Date and Time for on-line submission of tenders **03.10.2023 up to 17:30 hrs.**

(2) KPCL/2023 24/PS/WORK_INDENT 560 Date: 06-09-2023
"Surface Cleaning & Water washing of Strain Insulators & Bay Equipments, Inspection and Replacement of D-Shackles, U-Hooks & end Connectors of East Wing of 220kV Switchyard bay at Sharavathy Generating Station" EMD : Rs.71,300/-. Last Date and Time for on-line submission of tenders **25.09.2023 upto 16:00 hrs.** Further details can be had from office of the Executive Engineer (Turbine) **Mobile: 9449598802** for Sl. No. (1), Executive Engineer (ODY) **Mobile: 9449598803** for Sl. No. (2) Sharavathy Generating Station, KPCL, Jog Falls-577 435, Sagar Tq., Shimoga Dist., Karnataka, **e-mail: eeodyjkpcl@karnataka.gov.in/ees3. kpcl@gmail.com**

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GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE

Online Tenders are invited through e-Procurement Mode for the following Equipment(s) from reputed manufacturers directly or through their accredited agents in India required for various projects of NMDC Limited as per the following details.

Description of Equipment	Qty. (No.)	Display of Tender Document Period	Prebid Meeting through online mode	Last date & Time for submission of offer	Earnest Money Deposit
1) Tender No. & Date : HQMM/1023-20/04Z901/421, Dt : 20-09-2023.					
Supply, Erection and Commissioning and Cost CAP (with Operation & maintenance spares for 6 years/12000 hours (Cost Cap arrangement)) of **Crawler Dozer** for BIOM Kirandul Complex – 11 B Project Dantewada (Dist) of Chhattisgarh (State) India	1	**Draft Tender** 20-09-2023 To 04-10-2023 **Final Tender** 16-10-2023 To 07-11-2023	04-10-2023 11 AM (IST)	07-11-2023 by 02.30 PM (IST)	Rs. 5,00,000/- Or 6250 US Dollars
2) Tender No. & Date : HQMM/2032-21/1100000410/420, Dt : 20-09-2023.					
Supply, Erection and Commissioning and Cost CAP (with Operation & maintenance spares for 6 years/12000 hours (Cost Cap arrangement)) of **Wheel Dozer.** 1 No for BIOM Kirandul Complex Dantewada (Dist) of Chhattisgarh (State) India & 1 No for Bacheli Complex, Dantewada (Dist) of Chhattisgarh (State) India.	2	**Draft Tender** 20-09-2023 To 04-10-2023 **Final Tender** 16-10-2023 To 07-11-2023	04-10-2023 03 PM (IST)	07-11-2023 by 02.30 PM (IST)	Rs. 5,00,000/- Or 6250 US Dollars

Complete Tender document is available in website **www.nmdc.co.in, www.mstcecommerce.com; eprochome** & **http://eprocure.gov.in.** Any corrigendum to the above tender will be uploaded only on our website **www.nmdc.co.in** and MSTC Portal. Prospective bidders should visit NMDC Limited website and MSTC Portal from time to time to take note of corrigendum, if any. For further details logon to Tender Section of our website: **www.nmdc.co.in.**
General Manager(Materials)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my clients **Suresha Babu.C s/o Chowdappa** and **Jeevitha N.B w/o Suresh Babu.C** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule herein under, from **Jayachandran A.K s/o late M.K. Narayanan Nair Alias Mani (Owner/ Vendor")**. The "Owner/ Vendor" represents and warrant that he is the owner of the schedule property and he has not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU or any sort of agreement with any person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the Owner/ Vendor , further represents and warrants that he has not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from him no other person/s, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential house constructed on **site No.34,** carved out of Sy no.69, converted for residential use, measuring East to West 30ft, North to South 39.3ft in all 1179sqft, building consists of Ground Floor measuring 900sqft and First Floor measuring **900sqft** of built up area, all situated at **Ramamurthynagar, KR Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Tq, Bengaluru Dist,** now under the limits of BBMP, Khatha No.1769, of ward no.26
East by : Site No.33
West by : Site No.35
North by : Private Property
South by : Road

Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere Main Road, Ramamurthynagar
Bengaluru-560016 M : 09900056401
Bengaluru Date : 20-09-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

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East by : Property bearing Sy.No.19/2 and 9(P),
West by : Property bearing Sy.No.16/1, 134/1 and Kundalahalli Road,
North by : Property bearing Sy.No.16/1, 134/1 and Sy.No.18,
South by: Property bearing Sy.No.14 & 9;
affirms that the Original Sale Deed dated 25.03.2015 executed by **Mrs.Susheelamma alias Susheela N Reddy** represented by her GPA Holder **M/s. AKME Projects Ltd.,** registered as Document No.INR-1-10270-2014-15, Stored in CD No.INRD138 of Book-I before the Office of the Sub-registrar Indiranagar, has been lost/misplaced and has not been mortgaged/pledged as collateral security and is not in a position to trace the said original document. And Mrs.Blossom Kochhar had also lodged a Complaint on 11.09.2023, bearing E-Lost Report No. 0723035/2023, before the Bangalore City Police about the aforesaid loss.
Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to us or anyone having any sort of claim over the said Property may lodge their objections in writing within **8 days** from this day to the undersigned.

K.V. Narendra & Associates,
Advocates
No. 557, 2nd Floor, 9th 'A' Main, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560 038.
Call: 9945109229

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items:

TENDER NOTICE No. L7236098 Dated : 12-09-2023
Description in brief : Electronic Interlocking Systems. **(Qty : 01 Set)**
Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs on 03-10-2023**

TENDER NOTICE No. L7236099 Dated : 12-09-2023
Description in brief : Handheld Transcelver 5 watt Digital VHF Set. **(Qty : 200 Nos.)**
Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs on 03-10-2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/384/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Hubballi**
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **MRS.RASHEEDA BEGUM W/o.Abdul Samad** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **V.RAVIKUMAR S/o.Venkatawamy M ;** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **30.08.2023** with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PORTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING NO.61/4, Situated at Medahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli ,Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 52 Feet in all measuring 2600 Square Feet and bounded on the;
East by- Private Property, West By- Private Property, North by- Road, South By- Private Property

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 9108784843

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No: B/TRD.2023-24/06 Dated : 14.09.2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
(I) Rewiring of Phooltas make 4-wheeler (Mark-IV) tower wagon No. PTL2011070061, PTL2011070060 and PTL2013020134 **(ii)** Overhauling of lifting Platform of TW865 BEML 8 Wheeler **(iii)** Replacement of battery of Tower Wagon PTL2013020134.	Rs. 39,67,172.99

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 10-10-2023**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
Traction Distribution, Bengaluru
PUB/383/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

KERALA STATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KERALA UNDERTAKING)
KSIDC Keston Road | Kowdiar | Trivandrum | Kerala – 695 003 Ph: 0471 - 2318922 | Fax: 0471 – 2315893 | E-mail: enquiry@ksidcmail.org

TENDER NOTICE

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Development of Sabarimala Greenfield International Airport at Kottayam District, Kerala State, India

Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (KSIDC), the premier industrial and investment facilitation & promotion agency of Government of Kerala, invites Proposals from competent and eligible agencies / firms who fulfill the eligibility criteria prescribed in the RFP document, for **Selection as Consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Development of Sabarimala Greenfield International Airport at Kottayam, Kerala State, India**.

Eligible bidders can submit their responses to the RFP through the e-TENDER portal of Government of Kerala **(https://etenders.kerala.gov.in) on or before 23rd October 2023, 15.00 hrs**.

Thiruvananthapuram **Sd/-**
20.09.2023 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Government of Karnataka
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
Office of the Commissioner for Transport in Karnataka, 1st Floor, T.T.M.C. Building, B.M.T.C. Complex, Bangalore.

No.CT/F&B-3/PR-35/2012-13 Date: 11.09.2023

E-Tender Notification

Quotations are invited by Transport Department from the eligible firms for operation and maintenance of Automated Driving Testing Track established at Electronic City, Bangalore. Quotations along with necessary documents shall be submitted on-line through e-Procurement platform only. For more details please log on to e-procurement website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. They may take assistance from e-procurement help desk at + 91-8046010000/+91-806894877.

Last date for Submission of Bids is : 09.10.2023 up to 4.00 p.m.

For clarifications please contact: 080-22235176.

Sd/-
Commissioner for Transport, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/1357/AKAR/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners: Smt.Akkayamma W/o Late Munishamappa alias Muniramappa and her children, residing in Kempalingapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or either by way of Agreement or Mortgage or maintenance or any other right or charge or lien in or over the Schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s along with the copies of the supporting documents, in writing to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of Publication of this Notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

If no valid objection is received by the under signed as aforesaid, my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction deeming that apart from the above said owners no one else has any manner of claim in or over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Sy.No.69/2 (old No.35 and thereafter 35/P-2), measuring 1 Acre, situated at Thimmegowdana Hosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Property of Basavegowda
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.67/2
North by : Property of Krishnappa & Puttabasappa
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.67/2 and 67/3

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

भारतीय भेषजी परिषद्
(स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत सांविधिक निकाय)
भारत सरकार
एन बी सी सी सैन्टर, तृतीय तल, प्लॉट नम्बर 2, कॉमुन्युटी सैन्टर, मां आनन्दमयी मार्ग, ओखला, फेस–I , नई दिल्ली–110020
दूरभाष: 011-61299900-03
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PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA
(Statutory body under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)
Government of India
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Recruitment Notice

File No.- 1-73/2023-PCI

The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi.

Online applications are invited for various positions on purely on contract basis. Interested candidates may apply online only for the following positions on or before 04.10.2023 by uploading the requisite supporting documents.

Name of the Post	No. of Post	Consolidated Salary	Educational Qualification	Experience / Technical skill
Consultant (Accounts officer)	1	Rs. 70,000/- Per month	CA / Inter CA/ CS / ICWA/ MBA (Finance) with B.Com Desirable : Retired Government / PSU Accounts officer will be preferred	Minimum 10 yrs. (MS office, Tally, GST, TDS, Accounts finalization, Audit and Budget etc.)
Senior Accountant Executive	2	Rs. 50,000/- Per month	M.Com	Minimum 7 yrs. (MS office, Tally, GST, TDS, Accounts finalization, Audit and Budget etc.)
Accountant	1	Rs. 35,000/- Per month	B.Com/M.Com/MBA (Finance)	Minimum 3 yrs. (MS office, Tally)

Note: Tenure of 1 years, subject to extension based on merit and performance.

The following categories of applications will not be accepted-
Application in hard copy
Incomplete applications.
Applications received after the due date.
Link for online applications: https://forms.gle/Abc4Dwmjavticnta9

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(ANIL MITTAL)
Registrar-cum-Secretary

TAMIL NADU ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)

Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project e-Tender Notice
Tender Notice No: 04/IOCT/CPRR Section-3/ EPC-03/2023 Dated:19.09.2023

1) The Executive Director, TNRIDC for and on behalf of Governor of State of Tamil Nadu invites tender in online on IOCT Method, for the following work

Package No	Name of Work	Tender Security	Tender Fee
EPC 03	**Formation of New Six lane road from Thiruvallur Bypass (Design Chainage : Ch 47+800) to Vengathur (Design Chainage: Ch 58+200) with paved shoulders and two lane service road on both sides in Section-III of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project under Package-EPC 03 on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Mode including maintenance for 7 years.**	INR 87.00 million or an equivalent amount in convertible foreign currency	INR 30,000/- or an equivalent amount in foreign currency

2) The tender document will be available online for free download in the e-procurement portal (website), **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **26.09.2023, 11.00 Hours** (IST) onwards.
3) Pre-tender meeting will be held on **12.10.2023, 11.00 Hours** (IST). Kindly refer the invitation for tender uploaded in **https://tntenders.gov.in** for further details.
4) Deadline for online submission of tender : on or **before 11.00 Hours (IST) on 16.11.2023.**
5) Online Technical tender opening is scheduled at **11.30 Hours (IST) on 16.11.2023.**
6) All Tender submission must be accompanied by a non-refundable Tender fee of **Rs.30,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) (INR) (inclusive of tax).
7) All tender submission must be accompanied by a tender security for an amount as mentioned in the table.
8) Further Addendum, if any, in this regard will be available only in the **e-procurement portal https://tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR / 5166 / Tender / 2023

Executive Director (FAC)
Tamil Nadu Road Infrastructure Development Corporation, Chennai - 02

Serious allegations

India and Canada stare at a downturn in ties after Trudeau's charges

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's startling allegation, tying the killing of Canadian Khalistani leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June, to "agents of the Government of India", marks a new low in their unravelling ties. Mr. Trudeau's accusation – he said evidence had been shared with India and also raised in a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi last weekend – has set off a chain of events. After Canada expelled a senior Indian diplomat, India summoned the Canadian High Commissioner and expelled Canada's Station chief for intelligence on Tuesday. The United States and Australia, partners with Canada in the "Five Eyes" intelligence sharing agreement, have expressed "deep concerns" over the issue. The External Affairs Ministry has also accused Canadian diplomats of "anti-India" activities, indicating that more diplomats may be under scrutiny, while the Canadian government has spoken about the violation of the international rule of law, and of Canadian "sovereignty", which could invoke other areas of confrontation. Given the support Mr. Trudeau received from his political rivals in Parliament, remarks critical of India by leaders such as Pierre Poilievre and Jagmeet Singh, it is also likely that the chill will outlast this government, if voted out in elections due in 2025. Unlike with Pakistan, where such allegations, name-calling and public confrontation have become routine, it is worth remembering that Canada is a part of the western NATO alliance, and home to Indians and Indian-origin Canadians, and the impact of the rupture will be felt wider.

The first step at such a fraught moment has to be some cold reflection over the next steps. For Mr. Trudeau, the priority must be to publicly prove his very serious allegations, or admit he is unable to. India's assertions over Canadian safe havens for anti-India, separatist violent Khalistani groups have already been proven by many incidents, beginning from the early 1980s to more recent targeting of Indian diplomats and Indian community centres. That Nijjar, chief of the "Khalistan Tiger Force" – he was wanted in India, accused of being behind terror operations in Punjab in the 1990s, and had an Interpol red corner notice – was a Canadian citizen speaks for itself. New Delhi must also consider how it wishes to proceed on its ties with Canada. The government had hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Canada in 2015, the first bilateral visit by an Indian PM since 1973, with the assumption that decades of mistrust over the Khalistan issue could be brushed aside. Earlier this year, India and Canada attempted another reset, with visits by Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly, and fast-tracking free trade talks. However, after the acrimonious Trudeau-Modi meeting on the sidelines of the G-20, and the latest allegations by Mr. Trudeau, diplomatic niceties are clearly at an end, while the FTA talks have been put on pause.

Asian giant

India used the cricket Asia Cup as a preparatory platform

Summit clashes can at times be underwhelming and the Asia Cup final at Colombo, proved to be exactly that while the continental tournament drew to a close. And so typical of the damp weather that tailed the championship, it rained well after India claimed the title in emphatic fashion through a 10-wicket victory in just 6.1 overs. Fiery Mohammed Siraj's six for 21, including a four-wicket burst in one over, left the host Sri Lanka bowled out for a mere 50. India's eighth Asia Cup victory since the tournament's inception in 1984, should lend optimism to Rohit Sharma's men as the weeks ahead are a build-up to the ICC World Cup. The ODIs against the Australians may be another preparatory phase, but the lodestar obviously is the World Cup in India during October and November. Landing in Sri Lanka prior to the Asia Cup, the Men in Blue did not exactly look like a well-oiled squad. A few stars were coming back from injuries, the playing eleven was still a work in progress; but after the dust settled and the rains ensued at the R. Premadasa Stadium on Sunday night, India seems to be a unit on an upward swing. The campaign included a loss to Bangladesh but overall, India held sway.

Even that defeat against the eastern neighbour happened as key players were rested while the bench strength was tested. The larger tale is about humbling arch-rival Pakistan and holding the nerve in a low-scoring clash against Sri Lanka despite spinner Dunith Wellalage posing tough questions. Even if the climax proved lopsided, India's path was about staying the course and Rohit's men did that effectively. K.L. Rahul was back among the runs and emphatically at that, Jasprit Bumrah was at his incisive best, Kuldeep Yadav offered enough guile and seniors Rohit and Virat Kohli offered batting thrust. Afghanistan and Nepal failed to make it to the Super Four while Pakistan flattered to deceive, though it still does possess maverick batters and blistering fast bowlers. Perhaps the Asia Cup organisers may have rooted for an India-Pakistan final, for its share of history and commercial heft, but sport does not adhere to regular norms and this particular summit clash has remained a mirage in this tournament. That the officials even deemed to have a reserve day for the India-Pakistan Super Four clash after factoring in the rains, was a case of overreach while other teams were not given such privileges. Despite these undercurrents, India did well to focus on the game and emerge on top.

The 'mantras' that powered success at the G-20 summit

Suhasini Haidar

Reports of the death of multilateralism are greatly exaggerated, it would seem, from the outcomes of the G-20 summit in India, especially the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD). Throughout India's G-20 presidency, no ministerial meeting had been able to issue a joint statement and the 'Sherpas' most closely involved with negotiations said they often thought that they could not bring all the G-20 members on board in the context of the language of the document, especially on the subject of Ukraine. While the Sherpa team methodically whittled away at the language, ensuring a document that was acceptable to all, the government's bilateral forays succeeded in giving nearly all G-20 members a stake in the success of India's presidency. In the past year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Japan, Australia, the United States, the United Arab Emirates, France, South Africa and Indonesia, and hosted leaders of Germany, Italy, Australia and Japan, all members of the G-20 with considerable influence on the process. Regardless of their reasoning, the absence of Russian and Chinese Presidents at the G-20 summit ensured a less fractious gathering, and helped more than hindered. To look at it more broadly, it is India's policy 'mantras' of multilateralism, multipolarity and the "middle way" that won the day at Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G-20 summit in Delhi.

The multilateralism factor

To begin with, it is clear that the desire to support multilateralism is what drove the concessions made in order to achieve consensus at the G-20. The 'western bloc' comprising the G-7 countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the U.S.), the European Union (EU), and U.S. allies Australia and South Korea made the larger part of these concessions by agreeing to the removal of direct pointers to Russia in the operative paragraphs that referred to the war in Ukraine. The only mention of Russia in the statement was a positive one, pertaining to the Black Sea Grain Initiative, and the desire of all members to revive the mechanism that would give Russia more access to the international SWIFT financial system, and, in return, a removal of blocks to Ukrainian grain export.

In public statements, western bloc leaders and officials denied a climbdown, although proffering that the "preservation of G20" was their topmost consideration. Away from the cameras, they said the choice they were given was between agreeing to the statement finalised hours before the summit began, or to send the G-20 process to its "death". Had there been no joint declaration, questions would have been posed not just to India's leadership but also on the sustainability of the G-20 itself (one of the only remaining organisations that includes the western bloc, the Russia-China combine, and the "non-aligned" group of India, Brazil, Argentina, Indonesia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye). The last group is made up of countries that do not approve of the Russian war in Ukraine, but do not join western sanctions. And, coincidentally, nearly all (with the exception of Turkiye), members or observers of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

A look at what was behind the favourable outcomes at Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the summit

If New Delhi failed to find consensus at the G-20, the fear was that the G-20 itself would fragment, possibly into the G-7 western bloc, and the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) bloc. After all, the G-7 has stated its united stand on the Ukraine war, and BRICS (now made up of 11 countries), included a consensus paragraph on the Ukraine war at its summit, managing a joint statement despite the deep India-China tensions. It was equally significant that it was the "Troika-Plus" combine of Indonesia-India-Brazil-South Africa (the first such series of developing countries to be hosts/future hosts of the G-20), which proposed the winning formulation on Ukraine. Indonesia is the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) chair while South Africa is BRICS chair, and their multilateral heft added to their efforts. Japan too, as G-7 chair, played a role in bringing the U.S. and Europe on board. Eventually, the outcome strengthened the G-20 itself as an organisation that has pulled off a consensus two years in a row despite the polarising war in Ukraine. This is no mean feat given that the United Nations Security Council has not been able to forge a single non-vetoed resolution on the Ukraine issue since February 2022.

Support for a multipolar world

The other fillip to the success of the G-20 summit came from the growing support for a multipolar world – one which India has been a leading votary of. It has often been said that in the post-Cold war scenario, the U.S. has tried to build a unipolar world, China has pushed for a bipolar one (where it is the only challenger to America's leadership of the world and the unrivalled leader of Asia), while India has sought a multipolar world.

The U.S. may remain the most powerful country in the world for the foreseeable future. But it has also given the world a glimpse of what it would mean were it to decline as a global power in the Donald Trump era (2017-2021), as the U.S. walked out of a number of multilateral and UN organisations, as well as the Paris Accord and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action nuclear agreement with Iran. With the next U.S. presidential elections in 2024, where Mr. Trump and others with similar worldviews are contenders, it remains to be seen which way Washington will proceed. China's remarkable rise over the 1990s-2010s has shown that it is a possible rival to the U.S. – Beijing will mark the tenth anniversary of its Belt and Road Initiative at a grand event in October. China's spending of over one trillion dollars on infrastructure projects in tie-ups with about 90 countries, has given it untrammelled influence in many parts of the world. However, the manner of its rise has also spread discomfort. Its goodwill has been depleted by its actions such as those during the COVID-19 pandemic, its predatory financing of small countries, as well as its aggression toward its neighbours that includes transgressing boundaries with countries that include India.

In geographical terms, the Third Pole refers to the Hindu-Kush Himalayan Region, or upper South Asia, as it has the largest volume of ice and snow outside of the North and South Poles. In development economics, however, it is clear that the Global South is now seen as the third pole, and many global powers are coming to terms with its worth. While the Global South, made up of more than 125 countries, may not compare in wealth with the 'North', it is increasingly becoming a voice to be heard – a voice which resets the priorities at the global forum on issues such as development, climate change, health and the digital divide. India's championing of the Global South, and within it the membership of the 55-nation African Union (AU), was another reason for the desired outcomes at the G-20. What is to be noted is the particular role of regional organisations in multilateral fora after the EU and AU; it will be the turn of ASEAN and the Community of Latin American & Caribbean States (CELAC) to seek G-20 membership.

The middle way

Finally, it is apparent that India's success at the G-20 owes itself to its decades-old tradition of abjuring alliances and following a "middle path" on global discord. This has meant making compromises at times, such as the Indian government's refusal to criticise or cut off ties with Russia, or to invite Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to address the G-20. But it has put India in a better position to be able to strike a balance between the Global South and North, and the East and West. It is this bridging role that is most needed in a time of global polarisation, keeping in mind what UN Secretary-General António Guterres said at the Delhi summit: "Because if we are indeed one global family, we today resemble a rather dysfunctional one."

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The Cauvery Water Management Authority should act

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With the pace and output of the southwest monsoon this year casting a shadow over the catchment areas of the Cauvery river in Karnataka and Kerala, the elusive distress-sharing formula is back in focus. Recent submissions by Tamil Nadu and Karnataka as well as the deposition of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) before the Supreme Court of India only reinforce the need for an early formulation that is acceptable to all.

The notion of a distress-sharing formula has been in the air ever since the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) gave its interim order in June 1991. A serious attempt to have one was made in 2002-03 when the southwest monsoon yielded scant rain (compared to long-term data) over a three-year block, between 2001-02 and 2003-04, with poor inflows to four reservoirs – Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS), Kabini, Hemavathy and Harangi, all in upper-riparian Karnataka. The state of Mettur dam in Tamil Nadu, the lower riparian State, needed no elaboration.

There is nothing much in the final order of the Tribunal in 2007 and the judgment of the Supreme Court in 2018, which the players concerned could look to for distress sharing. The judicial bodies had referred to the principle of pro-rata sharing in times of distress. The Tribunal had suggested that in the event of there being two consecutive bad years of rain, the monthly schedule of water release be relaxed and all the reservoirs in the entire basin operated in an integrated manner "to minimise any harsh effect". But, in the discourse now, neither of the parties to the dispute nor the Authority has expressed anything against the concept of distress sharing. The divergence appears to be over what the elements of the proposed formula should be. Tamil Nadu takes into account the deficit in inflows to the four Karnataka reservoirs *vis-à-vis* the average flows in the last 30 years, and the rainfall pattern in three groups of the Cauvery catchment (the catchment of the KRS and Kabini, the catchment upstream of Biligundulu on the inter-State border, and the catchment downstream of Biligundulu).

The positions taken by Karnataka and Tamil Nadu should not deter the Authority from finding a formula

Stands by the States

Karnataka, which is not for considering only the deficit in inflows into its reservoirs, has been maintaining that the overall distress situation cannot be calculated till the end of January. It has said that the outcome of the northeast monsoon (October-December) should also be taken into account with that of the southwest monsoon (June-September). As an upper riparian State that is dependent on the southwest monsoon for irrigation, drinking water and more, Karnataka is well within its rights to be concerned about meeting its requirements for the next eight-odd months, even though it has the propensity to fix the "rules of the game" for water release unilaterally. It had even informed the Court of its difficulties in releasing water in view of a "severe drought situation" in the Cauvery and Krishna basins.

The CWMA, in its meeting on August 29, deliberated on many factors that included the shortfall in inflows and rainfall, the monsoon forecast over the next fortnight (till September 12), and inflows and outflows of four other reservoirs in the Cauvery basin. – an approach that has not been to the satisfaction of both States. While directing Karnataka to ensure the realisation of 5,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs) for 15 days from August 29, the CWMA recorded that during June 1 to August 27, the four Karnataka reservoirs had suffered a shortfall of 51.22% in their inflows, with the upper catchment of the Cauvery basin having had a more negative deficit in rainfall. The CWMA pointed out that the shortfall for Biligundulu, as compared to the stipulated flows in a normal year, was 62.4%. The Authority, which held an emergency meeting on September 18, endorsed the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC)'s direction given on September 12 to Karnataka to continue providing 5,000 cusecs for another 15 days (September 13 to 27).

Tamil Nadu, which has worked out what is due to it this year, is waiting for the Supreme Court's intervention to get back "its quota" of water for the one-and-a-half months (half of August and the whole of September), even as the case is likely to be heard by the Court on September 21. Regardless of the outcome, the State should pursue the idea of judicious use of water.

Ensure transparency

The positions taken by Karnataka and Tamil Nadu may appear to be difficult to reconcile but this should not deter the Authority – or, if required, the Union government – from trying to find a formula. Such an approach could and should have been used by the Authority after its inception in June 2018. Unfortunately, nothing much was done in these five years. The opportunity now should not be lost.

The history of the Cauvery dispute shows that it is people at the helm of affairs who have not risen to the occasion to resolve the problem. Instead of giant steps being taken to solve the issue, settling for status quo has been the norm. Of course, political considerations have been a factor. A silver lining when it comes to the composition of the Authority is that the body is populated with officials and technical experts, who should not have any problem in coming to a distress-sharing formula in a rational and objective manner. The CWMA may not have shown its mettle so far, but it should now try and make a fresh beginning. To begin with, the Authority along with its assisting body, the CWRC, should make the proceedings of all its meetings held so far available to the public on a website. Putting out all the facts in the public domain will help the CWMA dispel misconceptions in both States about this issue given that the Cauvery has always been an emotive subject.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New *Sansad*

The new Parliament building should be an icon for the aspirational India (Page 1, September 19). Apart from creating comfort zones for lawmakers in a brand new environment, the new space should pave the way for ensuring much-needed parliamentary decorum which was fading rapidly in the old space.

The old *Sansad* has seen the ugly — uproarious scenes such as walkouts, the raising of placards, sloganeering, disruption of valuable time as well as the use of unparliamentary language.

Many a time the day ended with no transaction of any business leading to colossal waste of tax-payers money.

Our parliamentarians should and must take a solemn pledge to ensure absolute decorum in the new environment.

G. Ramasubramanyam,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Slogan shouting, walkouts and other forms of unparliamentary behaviour may suit the script of a commercial movie, but have no place in a wholesome parliamentary session for the simple reason that parliamentary business involves enormous public funds and great expectations from the common man. I hope that business conducted in the new building is not old wine in a new bottle.

P. David Balasingh,
Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

At Colombo

In walloping Sri Lanka in the final of the Asia Cup, Mohammed Siraj knocked the stuffing out of the Lankan top order. But all the credit goes to the Men in Blue for the way they dominated all the teams in all departments of the game, including Pakistan. One was left with a feeling that more bilateral sports interactions are needed between the neighbours.

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Facilitating degrees within a degree

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Even though the movement to specify frameworks for higher education qualifications had gained momentum across the world in the late 1990s, India remained without a National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF) until recently. The idea was deliberated at the 60th meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education in 2012, which assigned the responsibility to the University Grants Commission (UGC). The issue has been hanging fire since. That it has now come up with a NHEQF is welcome, but the UGC must remove all the confusion about higher education qualifications, which arise because of the multiplicity of guidelines, frameworks and documents in the country.

The problem of plenty

Globally, higher education qualification frameworks include details of the definition and requirements of credits. The UGC has chosen to prescribe two separate frameworks – the NHEQF and the National Credit Framework. Higher educational institutions are separately required to implement the Academic Bank of Credits as a mandated modality for recognising, accepting, and transferring credits across courses and institutions. Additionally, there are many other regulations that impinge on higher education qualifications. All of these could have been integrated into the NHEQF. This defeats the purpose of prescribing a qualification framework. After all, a qualification framework must minimise ambiguities in comprehending qualifications in a cross-cultural context.

By definition, a national higher education qualification must encompass all disciplines and must clearly provide for the eligibility conditions for the entry into, and completion of, all programmes of studies. The NHEQF does provide exit requirements, but eligibility conditions and pathways through which a student can enter a programme at a particular level are alluded to vaguely. Besides, higher education qualifications awarded by disciplines such as agriculture, law, medicine, and pharmacy are conspicuous by their absence. These disciplines may be under the jurisdiction of separate regulators, but they could have been included in the NHEQF through consensus across various regulatory bodies.

Considering that India proactively seeks to obliterate all traces of its colonial past, it is strange that this document draws copiously from the Bologna process that led to the European Qualifications Framework and the Dublin descriptors. The higher education system in India is far more diverse and complex than the European Higher Education Area. It warrants much wider and more intense consultations with the States. Doing this could have substantially enriched the NHEQF. The process of formulating the NHEQF should have duly recognised the sheer size of the higher education system and the variations in it, as well as the federal structure, constitutional provisions that put education on the Concurrent List, and the fact that States spend a lot more on education than the Centre. The Dublin descriptors are the 'learning outcomes'. They are designed principally by European educationists and are suited to the European context. The Indian higher education system could have benefited from those experiences and processes, but those outcomes may not be easy to replicate in this country. Most importantly, the European higher education reforms happened some two decades ago.

The document fails to recognise that learning and knowledge must go beyond earning a livelihood. If it does recognise this, it does not sufficiently highlight it. Education is not only about an individual's learning capacities and capabilities; sociocultural and politico-economic factors also determine learning.

The overall framework appears to facilitate 'degrees within a degree'. Those who hold four-year undergraduate degrees with a minimum CGPA of 7.5 are eligible for admission to PhD programmes. This will make the higher education system elitist. After all, merit is a social construct; the academic performance of students is invariably mediated by their socioeconomic conditions.

Difficulties in implementation

At a practical level, there might be some serious difficulties in implementing the NHEQF. The document places all higher education qualifications on a continuum of 4.5 to 10. The framework equates postgraduate diplomas with four-year undergraduate programmes. This poses a problem in determining the level of such undergraduate degrees that are pursued after another undergraduate degree, like B.Ed. Further, the idea that a B.Ed could be completed in one, two or four years is confusing.

The credit framework document of the UGC mandates that each semester must have a minimum of 20 credits. This document suggests that one credit must comprise 15 hours of direct and 30 hours of indirect teaching. This means that students are required to study for a minimum of 900 hours per semester or close to 10 hours a day. This is ambitious even for fully residential higher educational institutions. Higher educational institutions with minimal infrastructure and meagre faculty resources may find this daunting.

The mystery of the learning outcomes borrowed liberally from the Dublin descriptors remains unaddressed. Whether generic or specific to a discipline, learning outcomes may vary significantly across disciplines. Besides, they may not be measurable by the same yardstick across disciplines.

A National Higher Education Qualifications Framework is welcome, but the UGC must remove all the confusion around it

A cautious Congress in Telangana

The party is aware that the regionalist sentiment could dent its chances

STATE OF PLAY

R. Ravikanth Reddy

With Assembly elections around the corner in Telangana, the issue of regionalism has sprung up again. Despite the intensity of sentiments dying down since the bifurcation of united Andhra Pradesh, it is clear that some political parties are trying to create a narrative around it.

The party that refuses to fall into the trap this time is the Congress. Realising that the regionalism fervour could only dent its chances, the Telangana Congress is in no mood to entertain leaders from Andhra Pradesh who want to play an active role in the politics of the neighbouring State.

This was evident in the way Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president A. Revanth Reddy refused to answer a question from the media on recognising the leaders of Andhra origin as people of Telangana. "Will you all accept them as leaders?" he shot back at journalists who asked him what he thought of former MP and senior Congress leader K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao's comments. During the launch of a book on Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Mr. Ramachandra Rao, an aide of the former Chief Minister, said that he could be considered a "half Telanganaite" since he has been living in the Telangana region for the last 40 years. In the presence of senior Congress leaders such as Mr. Revanth Reddy and former PCC chiefs N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Ponnala Lakshmaiah, Mr. Ramachandra Rao said that "he blends with the soil here."

A former Rajya Sabha member, Mr. Ramachandra Rao was once the most powerful

Congressman in the erstwhile combined Andhra Pradesh. Rajasekhara Reddy once referred to him as his "soul". During the term of the Congress government from 2004 until the death of Rajashekhar Reddy, no political or administrative decision could be taken without Mr. Ramachandra-Rao's nod. In fact, the people of Telangana considered him one of the biggest obstacles to the movement for statehood, given his clout in the party.

In this context, it is clear that the Telangana Congress does not want to repeat its "mistake" of 2018 and miss out on the Telangana sentiment yet again. Mr. Revanth Reddy's refusal to accept Mr. Ramachandra Rao's statement is an indication of the Congress's mood. The party still believes that its debacle in the 2018 Assembly elections was partially due to the alliance between the Telangana Congress and N. Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party. Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao made it a poll issue by accusing the Congress of trying to establish Mr. Naidu's presence in the State through the back door. The Congress won just 19 seats; it was evident that the Naidu factor impacted its chances in many constituencies.

The Telangana Congress does not want Andhra-origin leaders of the party to play an active role in Telangana this time, either by contesting the election or by campaigning for it, lest the Chief Minister uses the opportunity to rake up regionalist sentiments yet again. In fact, Mr. Revanth Reddy himself said that Telangana was not ready to accept the leadership of Andhra-origin people.

The entry of YSR Telangana Party leader Y.S. Sharmila into the Congress has been delayed precisely for this reason, say party sources. Ms. Sharmila is the daughter of Rajasekhara Reddy and the sister of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy. A section of senior leaders wants her to join the Telangana Congress as she can tap the Christian votes as well as the votes of the settlers in the Rayalaseema region in Hyderabad – two groups which continue to respect Rajasekhara Reddy. Ms. Sharmila calls herself a Hyderabadi; she was born and brought up in the city. Moreover, her husband hails from Telangana. However, her active role in Andhra Pradesh politics from 2014 onwards seems to have become a huge impediment to her political dreams in Telangana.

The Congress's fears are not exaggerated. Municipal Administration Minister K.T. Rama Rao has already accused the party of importing leaders from Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao also tried to equate the BJP with the Congress by accusing it of thrusting former Chief Minister, N. Kiran Kumar Reddy, who joined the BJP recently, on Telangana. Mr. Kiran Kumar Reddy is a resident of Hyderabad though he hails from Chittoor district. He opposed the division of united Andhra Pradesh and was unpopular among Telangana supporters. He later launched the Jai Samaikyandhra Party and lost badly in the 2014 elections in Andhra Pradesh.

NASA shifts UFO debate from sensationalism to science

NASA's recent initiative to systematically scrutinise UFO sightings is a step in the right direction

DATA POINT

Agencies

Unidentified flying objects, or UFOs in common parlance, were in the news again a few days ago for two contrasting reasons.

Last week, lawmakers in the Mexican Congress heard testimony from individuals suggesting the possibility of the existence of extraterrestrials. These individuals hailed from Mexico, the U.S., Japan, and Brazil. Journalist José Jaime Maussan presented two boxes that encased what he claimed were mummies found in Peru, of beings that he and others considered "non-human beings that are not part of our terrestrial evolution." Similar findings in the past and in the area turned out to be the remains of mummified children. Scientists have called Mr. Maussan's claim fraudulent and said that the mummies may have been looted from grave sites.

Two days later, in an unrelated event, a NASA panel recommended in a report that the U.S. space agency increase its efforts to gather information on unidentified objects in the sky, labelled 'Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena,' or UAP, by the government, and play a larger role in helping the Pentagon spot them. More importantly, the report, the result of a year-long study, also found no evidence that past UAP observations concerned objects of extraterrestrial origin. "We want to shift the conversation about UAPs from sensationalism to science," NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said last week.

Regarding the reliability of UFO/UAP sightings, the report said: "UAP data are rarely, if ever, collected in a concerted effort to understand the phenomenon; they are usually coincidental observations." Curiously, such observations, collated by a self-reporting database called 'The National UFO Reporting Center Online Database' (NUFORC), have been confined mostly to the U.S. **Chart 1** shows the number of such observations. Of them, close to 90% are from the U.S. Most of the observations misconstrued natural phenomena or human-made objects that the observer was unaware of. The database also includes 479 self-reported observations of UFOs from India.

The session in the Mexican Congress took place two months after a similar one before the U.S. Congress, in which a former Air Force intelligence officer claimed that his country has probably been aware of "non-human" activity since the 1930s.

Another famous UAP reported in recent times is the so-called 'Go-Fast' video, recorded by navy aviators onboard the *USS Theodore Roosevelt*. It shows an object flying just above the ocean at great speed. The recent NASA study debunked this claim by using trigonometry to determine that the object was travelling at a normal speed and was probably drifting with the wind.

It is precisely to debunk such claims using science that the U.S. government has done a U-turn on public information on UAPs after decades of stonewalling and deflecting. The Pentagon has been actively investigating reported sightings in recent years by military aviators. NASA also named a new director of research into UAPs last week, Mark McInerney.

In fact, the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO), under the U.S. Department of Defence, has been investigating and debunking UFO sightings since 2022. AARO has classified UFO/UAP sightings between 1996-2023 based on altitude **(Chart 2)** and morphology **(Chart 3)** to streamline such observations. Of the more than 800 unclassified sightings collected by AARO thus far, only "a small handful cannot be immediately identified as known human-made or natural phenomena," according to the NASA study.

Up in the air

The charts are based on data collated from the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) and the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO)

Latest claim: One of the specimens presented to the Mexico's Congress earlier this week. REUTERS

Chart 1 | The chart shows the number of self-reported observations recorded in the NUFORC database

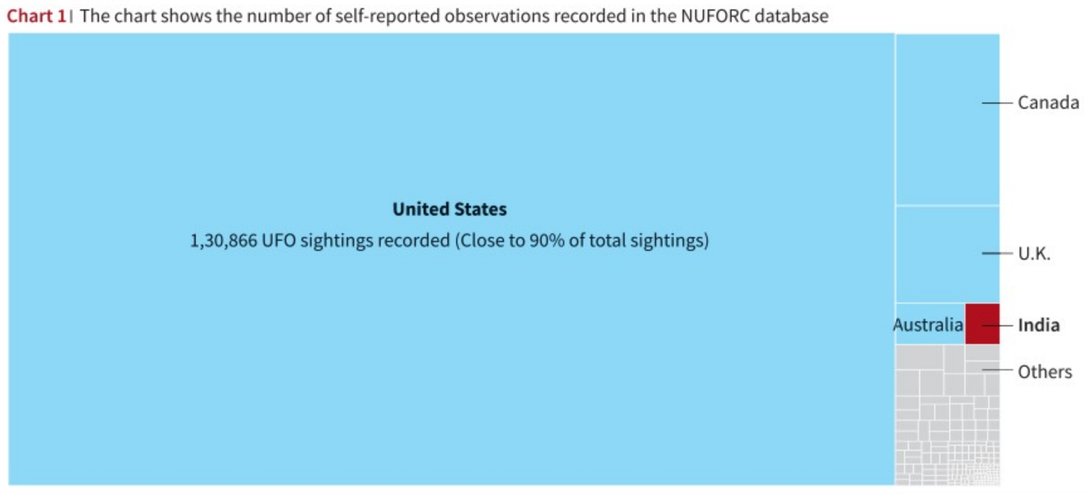


Chart 2 | The chart shows reported UAPs across altitudes

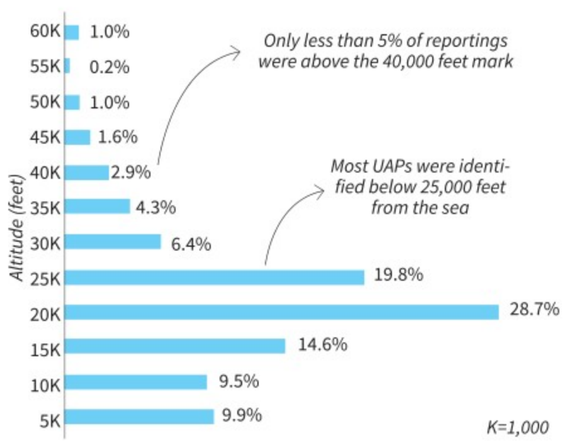
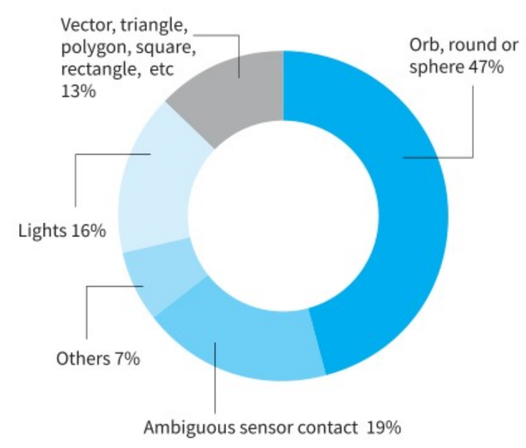


Chart 3 | The chart shows morphology of reported UAPs



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 20, 1973

'Rameswaram road bridge will promote India's unity'

Mandapam, Sept. 19: Describing Rameswaram as "a symbol of unity of India", the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, who to-day laid the foundation stone for the Rs.5-crore road bridge connecting Rameswaram with the mainland, said the bridge would further strengthen the unity among the people of the country.

Stating that communications were an important factor for the integration and economic growth of the country, the Prime Minister said she was particularly happy to lay the foundation for the bridge, because bridges by themselves were a symbol of unity. Besides, the present bridge was the result of the joint effort of the Centre and the State. It was being constructed with money from the Centre and the co-operation of Tamil Nadu.

Referring to a suggestion made earlier by the Union Transport Minister, Mr. Raj Bahadur, for a bridge between India and Sri Lanka, Mrs. Gandhi said: "We want closer friendship with Sri Lanka on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. It is not good to have strained relations with any country, much less our neighbours."

"We need all people to build bridges of understanding with our country and also bridges of understanding between the different people of India. Many people in Tamil Nadu are working from different States of the country and also in the Central Services at Delhi. We welcome them, for we want to have the talents from all parts of the country to help us in building up the country. The problem of overcoming poverty is such a big one that all our talents and strength should be devoted to it."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 20, 1923

Empire exhibition

Leafield (Oxford) midnight Sept. 20: One of the first pavilions to approach competition at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley which opens next April is the Indian Pavilion. This building will reproduce the artistic beauties of the famous Taj Mahal at Agra. It is claimed that the display of the peculiar arts and crafts of India which will be housed therein notably metal work, carpentry and wood and ivory carvings will be the finest ever seen outside India.

From Page One

India denies any role in Nijjar's killing in Canada

In a statement to the House of Commons, Mr. Trudeau also said that Canadian security agencies had investigated the June killing over the past several weeks, and that he had taken up the matter with Mr. Modi during his visit to Delhi last week for the G-20 summit. "Last week, at the G-20, I brought them personally and directly to Prime Minister Modi in no uncertain terms," he said in his statement to the House of Commons on Monday afternoon. At the G-20 summit, Mr. Trudeau also had a one-on-one meeting with Mr. Modi.

Canada has also expelled the station head of the Research & Analysis Wing (RAW), India's external intelligence agency, Foreign Minister Melanie Joly has informed the Canadian Parliament.

"Any involvement of a foreign government in the killing of a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil is an unacceptable violation of our sovereignty. It is contrary to the fundamental rules by which free, open, and democratic societies conduct themselves," Mr. Trudeau in a remark to the House of Commons in Ottawa.

The Star, a Canadian media outlet, has described the expelled RAW official as Pavan Kumar Rai. In a tit-for-tat move, the MEA summoned High Commissioner Cameron MacKay on Tuesday morning and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat stationed in Delhi.

India-Canada relations have been on a downward trajectory over the past several months, and took a further hit when both sides shelved trade talks earlier this month after six rounds of negotiation, citing "political issues". Mr. Trudeau's departure after the G-20 summit in Delhi was delayed as his official aircraft developed a technical snag.
(*With inputs from Sandeep Phukan and Samridhi Tewari*)

Govt. tables women's quota Bill in Lok Sabha

The Prime Minister recalled how previous attempts in the past 27 years to pass the Bill had failed. He said September 19 would be etched in history and God had chosen him for the "noble work".

"The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam [the Hindi title of the Bill] will further strengthen our democracy... I assure all mothers, sisters and daughters of the nation that we are committed to making this Bill into a law... In the Cabinet yesterday, the women's reservation Bill was given approval," Mr. Modi said in his first speech in the new Lok Sabha amid thumping of desks by members.

In the Rajya Sabha, where the government will have to rely on the Opposition's support to have a two-thirds majority to pass a Constitution Amendment Bill, Mr. Modi said, "This is such a subject that deserves consensus, and I appeal the members of the Rajya Sabha to support the Bill when it comes here."

The women's reservation Bill was brought in earlier by the Deve Gowda government in 1996, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government in 1998 and 1999 and the Manmohan Singh government in 2008, when it was introduced in the Rajya Sabha. After being passed by the Upper House, it was sent to the Lok Sabha. It became a property of the Lok Sabha and lapsed because the Lower House did not pass it till its dissolution in 2014.

The clause linking the implementation of the women's reservation to delimitation was not present in the 2008 Bill. The fact that the Bill will be implemented after the 2026 delimitation taking into account the latest Census means that the government might be envisaging an increase in the number of Lok Sabha seats. In the new Parliament, the Lok Sabha can accommodate 888 MPs.

At new House, Modi calls for fresh chapter

After a group photo of the members of Parliament was taken against the backdrop of the Samvidhan Sadan, and a joint sitting of both Houses held in the Central Hall of that building, the MPs moved into the new premises.

They were led by the PM, who was followed by the MPs of the National Democratic Alliance, and by the leader of the Congress Legislature Party in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhary.

In his inaugural address to the Lok Sabha, the PM called on MPs to forget all past bitterness and start a new chapter. He said whatever they were going to do in the new complex should be an inspiration for every citizen of the country. Observing the growing contribution of women in every sector, Mr. Modi stressed the need for including more women in policy-making.

"Taking forward the resolution of women-led development, our government is today presenting a major Constitution Amendment Bill. The purpose of this Bill is to expand the participation of women in Lok Sabha and Assemblies," he said.

Mr. Chowdhary read out the Preamble to the Constitution, in order to address the earlier controversy over the use of the name "Bharat" in official communication instead of "India".

Earlier in the day, during the valedictory function for the old Parliament building held in its Central Hall, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that it was his "unwavering belief" that India's democracy "would continue to shine as a guiding light to the world".

BJP MP Maneka Gandhi addressed the joint sitting as the most senior sitting member of the Lok Sabha.

Canada, India must join hands to bring out truth: SGPC chief

Ex-CM Amarinder says Trudeau walked into a trap of vote-bank politics, calls it a bid to deflect attention from failure to curb anti-India activities

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> **AMARINDER SINGH**
> Former Punjab CM

Amid a row between India and Canada over the killing of Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Harjinder Singh Dhami, on Tuesday said that given the existence of Sikhs in the whole world today, "both Canada and India need to join hands", so that the truth can come out in the case of accusations levelled by the Canadian Prime Minister and the relations between the two countries also remain good.

Nijjar, a "designated terrorist", was also associated with the banned group Sikhs For Justice. The SGPC is the body responsible for the management of gurdwaras.

Former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh dismissed the claims by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that there was an Indian hand in the murder. Mr. Singh said Nijjar's murder was the result of a factional feud within the management of the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara situated at Surrey in Canada.

He said that Mr. Trudeau had unfortunately "walked into a trap owing to vote bank politics" and put at stake the diplomatic relationship between India and Canada. "It was highly irresponsible for the Prime Minister of a country to make a statement without any evidence only because he was playing to the vote bank gallery," he said.

He said it was an "irrefutable fact" that the Trudeau administration in Canada had "given a free hand to anti-India forces" in that country. He said Indian missions there were attacked and diplomats intimidated but there was no corrective action by the Canadian government.

"Has the Canadian government taken any action against the culprits who attacked Indian missions there?" he asked, while adding that Mr. Trudeau by levelling such allegations was only trying to deflect the attention from his own failures to curb anti-India activities in that country.

Separately, radical outfit Dal Khasla, in a statement, termed the step by Canada as "bold and justified".

Nijjar, 45, was wanted by the National Investigation Agency in four cases. He was shot dead outside a gurdwara on June 18 in Surrey, a Vancouver suburb with a large Sikh population.

Khalistani leader Nijjar was wanted by NIA, Punjab Police

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was gunned down on June 18 by unidentified assailants in the parking lot of a gurdwara in Canada's Surrey, was wanted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Punjab Police in multiple cases.

Nijjar also had close links with the banned outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ). Originally from Bharsinghpura village in Jalandhar district of Punjab, he entered Canada with a forged passport in 1997.

Nijjar soon married a woman from British Columbia and had been living there with her and two sons. He worked there as a plumber and was elected unopposed as the head of the Surrey gurdwara managing committee. An Interpol Red Notice was issued against him in March 2016.

Nijjar's name had figured in the list of nine wanted persons handed over by the then Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau during the latter's visit to the State in February 2018.

In July 2020, based on the findings of probe agencies, the Union Home Ministry designated Nijjar as an individual terrorist under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Hate speech

In a notification, the government noted that Nijjar had been posting photos and videos on social media platforms to spread "insurrectionary imputations and hateful speeches".

In 2022, the NIA declared a reward of ₹10 lakh for information leading to the KTF chief's arrest in the cases registered by the agency in 2018, 2019 and 2021. It has arrested some of his associates and filed chargesheets naming him. In one case, he was accused of being part of a conspiracy involving SFJ and other related outfits to initiate a concerted campaign in the name of "Punjab Referendum 2020 for Khalistan".

According to the NIA, he had allegedly been raising funds to procure arms and ammunition and train youth for terrorist activities in the country. "He has certain associates in India who have conducted reconnaissance of gatherings of RSS at certain places, including Punjab, with an intention to target them...," the agency alleged in another case.

Manipur groups call for release of five accused

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Normal life in the Valley districts of Manipur was affected on Monday after several civil society organisations, including Meira Paibi, a collective of Meitei women, called for a 48-hour general strike, demanding the release of five persons who were arrested last week for carrying sophisticated weapons and wearing "camouflage uniform".

The police had said in a statement on September 17 that there have been reports of extortion threats, misuse of police uniform and impersonation by armed miscreants.

According to the First Information Report (FIR), the five suspects were arrested on September 16 at Kongba near Meitei Mayek School in Imphal.

An INSAS rifle, one SLR, two .303 rifles, a Bolero car and several rounds of magazines were found from them. Giving out the details of the suspects, a police official said that one of the suspects - M. Anand Singh, 45, - is a "drug user" and trained initially as a People's Liberation Army (PLA) cadre, a terror outfit that has been banned for advocating secession of Manipur from India.

First steps: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other MPs walk towards the new Parliament building on Tuesday. PTI

MPs take to new House with enthusiasm

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

If Monday, the last working day at the old Parliament building – now renamed Samvidhan Sadan – was about nostalgia and memories, Tuesday brought with it all the excitement of a new school term in the new Parliament building.

Members of Parliament took time to look around as they entered the building and their respective Houses, clicking selfies and exploring the jazzy new computers at each desk.

In fact, the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, or the women's reservation Bill, was circulated online before its introduction, when the Opposition members complained that they had not received a copy of the Bill. BJP MP Nishikant Dubey helped them access the online copy.

As the session in the Lok Sabha was to formally begin at 1.15 p.m., a couple of MPs driven by hunger pangs went in search of canteen facilities and had to run around a bit before they could locate them.

"The first thing that needs to be done is for MPs to be given a tour of the place, so that we know where everything is," an Opposition MP said.

Another MP was seen opening a paper layout of the Lok Sabha to better identify the seat allocations of various parties.

At the historic first session of the Lok Sabha in the new building, the visitors' gallery was almost full of women, including actors Kangana Ranaut and Esha Gupta. The Rajya Sabha saw a sharp exchange between Mallikarjun Kharge and Nirmala Sitharaman. Clearly, the proceedings may have moved to a new House, but the combative spirit was carried over from the old one.

Symbolism of gender justice ushers in new era of Parliament

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

A Parliament employee carries an old group photo of MPs in New Delhi on Tuesday.

The new Parliament appears to be high on the symbolism of gender justice. Apart from the women's reservation Bill becoming the first one to be tabled after the relocation, the building sports art that celebrates the work of women from the grassroots.

A signature wall called the *Jan Janani Janmabhoomi,* which adorns the Central Foyer of Parliament, was assembled by 75 women artisans from across the country.

They adorned the wall made of banana pulp with representative crafts from 28 States and eight Union Territories.

Similarly, certain themes in the *Shilp Deergha* (crafts gallery) also celebrate womanhood and their everyday contributions to society.

The *Jan Janani Janmabhoomi* wall was made at a workshop set up in the 'Nari Shishu Kalyan Parishad' located at Stadium Road, Madhubani in Bihar.

Signature work

According to Sharad Kumar of Lalit Kala Akademi, who was one of the anchors of the *Janmabhoomi* project, the use of banana fibre pulp to create a papier mache wall was unique and attempted for the first time. "Banana pulp has a special adhesive quality which can hold the piece together."

"This wall is a striking example of creative endeavour beautifully gelled with values of life expressed by the women of India," said Sachidanand Joshi, member-secretary of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, which curated the artwork.

The *Shilp Deergha*, conceptualised with eight themes of *parv* (festival), *swabalamban* (self-reliance), *prakriti* (nature), *ullas* (joy), *gyan* (wisdom), *samrasta* (harmony), *astha* (faith) and *yatra* (journey), also highlights many women-centric themes.

The artwork at the new Parliament cost approximately ₹200 crore. Planning and implementation of the artwork began in February 2022.

The new building has six guardian statues: Gaja, Ashwa, Garuda, Makar, Shardula and Hams. These man the ceremonial and public entrances. The three ceremonial entrances are for use by the President, the Vice-President, the Lok Sabha Speaker and the Prime Minister.

CPI(M) won't send nominee to INDIA panel meet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The CPI(M) refused to nominate anyone for the Coordination Committee of INDIA, while promising its complete support for the alliance's "consolidation and expansion" stating that such organisational structures will be an "impediment" for the bloc.

The Trinamool Congress too has not nominated representatives for the three groups formed to manage campaign, media and social media.

The Hindu Group wins silver at Best in Print Asia Awards

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Hindu Group's Chennai plant won silver at the Best in Print Asia Awards organised by WAN-IFRA at its Indian Printers Summit in Kochi, Kerala recently.

The awards were presented in two categories – newspapers with a circulation of fewer than one lakh copies and newspapers with a circulation of more than one lakh copies.

The Hindu Group won the award under the latter category.

P. Mohanraj, general manager, printing, said, "We, at The Hindu Group, strive for excellence and this recognition is a proud moment for our production team, prepress and editorial team."

Top show: The Hindu Group team receiving the award at the Indian Printers Summit of WAN-IFRA in Kochi. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"We are honoured to serve our readers with the best quality and will remain committed to delivering excellence every day," he said.

APPEAL

Baby Simon aged 2-1/2 months, is having Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease in the form of Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Drainage. He requires urgent surgery and is getting treated at Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre, Chennai. The total expenditure is Rs. 3,00,000/-. Please donate and support this baby as his family is extremely poor and cannot afford this huge cost. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & Google Pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No.: 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **Women's Welfare Syndicate** is exempted under 80G IT.
All correspondence is done through WWS, Regd Public Charitable Trust, **Flat No.GF 1, Corddel Apartments, O.No.13, N.No.29, Pycrofts Garden Lane, Chennai-600006. Ph: 044-42137401/ 28235324/ 7338978027. E-Mail ID: womenswelfaresyndicate@gmail.com** Website: www.womenswelfaresyndicate.org
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"Women of these sections [SC, ST, OBC] should get reservation in the 33% quota that is being given now, otherwise there will be a lot of injustice to these classes
MAYAWATI
BSP chief

"Our Nari Shakti is excelling in every field. India's vision of women-led development is both acknowledged and adopted by the global community
SMRITI IRANI
Union Minister

"It is a *Mahila Bewakoof Banao* Bill. We demand that the provisions of delimitation and census be done away with and the women's reservation be implemented for the 2024 Lok Sabha election
ATISHI
AAP leader

"Now is the time for the women of this country to take centre stage in politics, a space they truly deserve. This marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in strengthening and shaping our democracy
K. KAVITHA
BRS leader in Telangana

"The decision will herald a change in the otherwise male-dominated politics of the country... I look forward to seeing 20 women MLAs in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly
AMPAREEN LYNGDOH
NPP leader in Meghalaya

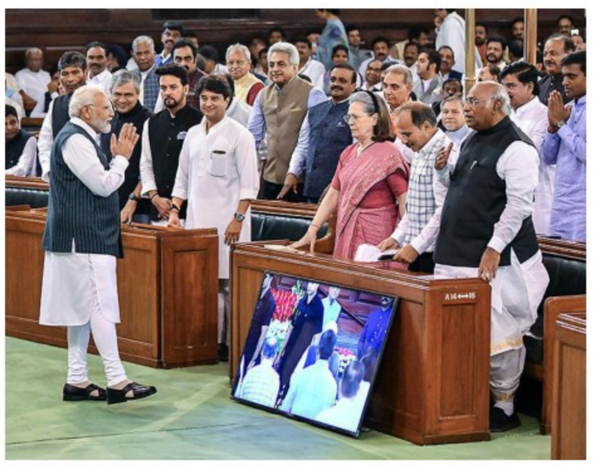
Congress claims reservation Bill as its own, bats for sub-quota for OBCs

Kharge says not giving quota within quota for OBCs will be an injustice to women from those communities, says political parties often selected weak women for ticket; Nirmala Sitharaman says such a 'sweeping statement' is unacceptable

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

After the initial enthusiasm over the women's reservation Bill, the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and Congress president, Mallikarjun Kharge, on Tuesday raised the issue of a separate quota for women belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC).

Mr. Kharge's stance is politically significant as some regional parties, which are part of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), had opposed the Bill on the grounds that it lacked a quota within a quota.



Across the aisle: Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets Congress leader Sonia Gandhi at the old House on Tuesday. ANI

'Reservation for all'

Hours before the Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha, Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi claimed ownership of the Bill, saying: "It's ours, *apna hain*."

In his first speech in the new Rajya Sabha, Mr. Kharge chose to speak on the Bill, and said the Upper House passed it in 2010. "But there were some hurdles and it did not go beyond Rajya Sabha," he said, adding that there were concerns about providing reservation for women from the OBCs.

"Due to constitutional reservation, SC and ST (women) had one-third reservation. But if there is no constitutional amendment to ensure one-third seats to women from backward classes, they will not get reservation. If you do not do it, it will be an injustice to women from backward classes," the Congress leader said, adding that literacy levels among the OBC and SC women were low and political parties often selected weak women for ticket.

"I know how women from OBC, SC communities are selected by political parties," he said.

The BJP members objected to this. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said a "sweeping statement" by Mr. Kharge was not acceptable. "I speak on behalf of all our women. We all have been empowered by our party, by our Hon'ble Prime Minister. Hon'ble Rashrapati Droupadi Murmu*ji* is an empowered woman. Every (woman) MP of my party is an empowered woman," she said.

Mr. Kharge said women from the OBC and SC communities did not get opportunities as Ms. Sitharaman got. "Opposition leader cannot insult people like this. Who is Ms. Murmu?" retorted Ms. Sitharaman, adding that the government was asking for reservation for all women.

Later, Mr. Kharge asked the Centre to take everyone along on issues, including women's reservation and promotion of SC and ST officers in government.

'Event management'

The other objection was about the fact that the reservation would be effective only after a Census and delimitation exercise. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh, in a statement, called it an "election *jumla*" and "huge betrayal of hopes of women".

Later, in a post on X (formerly Twitter), Mr. Ramesh said, "In a season of election *jumlas*, this one is the biggest of them all! A huge betrayal of the hopes of crores of Indian women and girls."

"As we had pointed out earlier, Modi government has not yet conducted the 2021 Decadal Census making India the only country in G20 that has failed to carry out the Census. Now it says that the reservation for women will come into effect only following the first decadal Census conducted after the Women's Reservation Bill has become an Act. When will this Census take place?" he asked.

In another post, he said if the Prime Minister had any real intention to prioritise women empowerment, the Bill would have been implemented immediately without the ifs and buts and other conditions.

INDIA bloc likely to back women's reservation Bill, even as parties note flaws

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The women's reservation Bill has put the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) in a spot, with almost all member parties expected to come out in support of the legislation. However, they are trying to discount the political capital that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP hope to earn from it by pointing out the rider in the Bill, which says that its implementation depends on the delimitation exercise scheduled for 2026.

Two of the Bill's biggest critics, who had stalled it in 2010 – the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), continue to maintain their demand for a "quota within the quota" for Other Backward Classes (OBC). But unlike in 2010, they have not yet announced their opposition to the Bill.

SP president Akhilesh Yadav, in a post on X, said: "Women's reservation should be a balance of gender justice and social justice. In this, reservation for backward, Dalit, minority, tribal (PDA) women should be clear in definite percentage form."

Catching up: Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi and NCP MP Supriya Sule at the new Parliament building. PTI

RJD Rajya Sabha member Manoj K. Jha said that the party welcomed the idea of widest possible representation, but at the same time remains committed to its demand for a quota within the quota. "Paraphrasing Mahatma Gandhi's remarks on the Cripps Mission, I would say that a post-dated promise of the government has little credibility," Mr. Jha said.

Other INDIA bloc member parties also came out in support of the Bill, though pointing out the BJP government's inordinate delay in bringing it. Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) Rajya Sabha member Kanimozhi N.V.N. Somu called it a victory of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government but wondered why a government that has rammed through various Bills waited for so long to bring this Bill.

The Trinamool Congress will be supporting the Bill. "We don't need a piece of legislation to implement reservation for women. One-third of our Lok Sabha MPs are already women," party Rajya Sabha floor leader Derek O'Brien said.

Shah denies Adhir's view that UPA-era Bill is still alive

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Home Minister says Adhir Ranjan's statements are inaccurate, demands proof for claims

The Lok Sabha on Tuesday witnessed an argument between the Congress Leader of the House, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the women's reservation Bill.

Mr. Chowdhury said the Bill that was introduced by the United Progressive Alliance government and cleared by the Rajya Sabha in 2010 was alive.

Mr. Shah denied this, saying the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha had effectively led to the lapse of the Bill.

Speaking in the first session of the Lok Sabha in the new Parliament building, Mr. Chowdhury said a women's reservation Bill was first brought in 1989 by then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to ensure one-third reservation in local bodies.

"The Bill that came during Manmohan Singh's tenure was passed by the Rajya Sabha and hence is still alive. The CWC [Congress Working Committee] resolution has spoken about this... Even Sonia Gandhi has written to Prime Minister [Narendra Modi]," he said. Countering Mr. Chowdhury, the Home Minister said that the women's reservation Bill was never passed by the Lok Sabha. Second, the old Bill was not pending in the Lok Sabha as it had lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha in 2014, he said.

"What Adhir*ji* said is factually incorrect. The old Bill has lapsed. If he has any supporting document to prove what he said he should table it in the Lok Sabha or withdraw his statement," he said.

Mr. Shah asked Speaker Om Birla to remove the statement from record if Mr. Chowdhury is unable to provide supporting documents.

Delayed Census will push back women's quota

Vijaita Singh
Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

At the heart of the passage of the women's reservation Bill is the decennial Census exercise that has been delayed since 2021.

The 128th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2023, or the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, will be implemented after the 2026 delimitation, which will go by the Census to be held before that year. Delimitation means the act or process of fixing limits or boundaries of constituencies in a country to represent changes in population.

The Centre initially attributed the COVID-19 pandemic for postponing the Census; the last two notifications by the Registrar-General of India have not specified any reason for the delay.

As reported by *The Hindu*, on June 30, an order by the Additional RGI said that the competent authority has decided to further extend the date of freezing of administrative boundaries up to December 31, ruling out the exercise before the 2024 Lok Sabha election in April and May that year. The deadline to freeze the administrative boundaries of districts, tehsils, sub-districts, revenue villages, municipalities, police stations, towns and others has been extended eight times since 2020.

"We have made all the preparation, all our systems are ready, it is a political decision," a Home Ministry official said when asked why the Census was being delayed.

The national delimitation exercise has, however, raised concerns about the unequal representation of States in the Lok Sabha.

Southern States point out that the delimitation of Lok Sabha constituencies, along with a smaller share of Central funds to States on the basis of the population, can be unfair as these States have implemented family planning programmes more effectively than those in North India.

According to K. Narayanan Unni, former Deputy RGI, the data being used for government schemes is outdated.

"There was a report that 10 crore people have been excluded from Food Security Act because outdated data of 2011 Census is being used to calculate the beneficiaries. The surveys like NSS or NFHS, being sample surveys, cannot give very reliable estimates for lower geographic levels and one has to depend on census. Only a Census can identify them to formulate programmes," he said while highlighting the impact of the delay on governance.

Parties yet to get dedicated space in new building

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

None of the political parties have been allocated rooms in the new Parliament. According to sources, there are only nine rooms reserved for political parties, which would mean that several parties will find themselves without one.

There is no clarity on whether the parties can hold on to the offices they have in the old Parliament.

So far, sources said, none of them have been given eviction orders. The new building has 120 office rooms, out of which 49 are for the Ministers. An entire wing is reserved for the Prime Minister's Office.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR CONTRACT POSITIONS

Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) invites application for the position Engineer and Data Processing Assistant on contract basis. Facility for online submission of application will be available from **14.09.2023 to 28.09.2023 (upto 17.00hrs)**
For detailed advertisement and online application, please visit our website: **https://www.iist.ac.in/career.**
Advt. No: IIST/ Admn/RMT/07/06/2023 dated 14.09.2023

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 168,169,170,171,172/2023-24/KWA/ PHC/TVLA (Rt-2). (1) JJM - CWSS to Chenneerkkara & Omalloor Pts.- Supplying and laying 450mm DI K9 Raw water pumping main from Well cum pump house to WTP, supply & erection of 630 KVA transformer, VT pump sets and road restoration. (2) JJM - RWSS to Adichipuzha-Design, Construction and commissioning of 8.0 mld WTP, O&M for 3 years, (3) AMRUT - UWSS to Kaimalapara scheme, Adoor Municipality - Construction of 5LL OHSR, Laying 200mm DI CWPM, Mace: of WTP, Strengthening and extension of Distribution works, Supply and Erection of Pump set and Providing 800 FHTC's, road restoration (4) JJM - WSS to Kollamula and Vechoochira pts - Construction of OHSR, GLSR, Sump cum Pump house and Pumping main and road restoration works, (5) JJM Konni, Aruvappulam, Kalanjoor Pts – Design, Construction, and commissioning of 10 mld WTP, O&M for 3 years and 10 LL OHSR, 300mm DI pumping main & road restoration. **EMD :** Rs. 500000,200000,200000,200000, 500000, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 19518,13010,13010,13010,19518, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 03-10-2023 02:00:pm, Phone : 04692600162.
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Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Pathanamthitta

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone, Ajmer

No.:- ACE/AJ/TECH/F2(30A-Ajmer)/D-2124 Date:- 08.09.2023

NIB No.:- PWD2324A2897

Notice Inviting Bid No. 23/2023-24

Bids for 03 No. Work are invited from interested bidders **upto 6.00 PM on Thursday 21 September 2023**. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is **Rs. 4245.71 Lacs**.
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(Vikas Dixit),
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Tender Call Notice E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle - 17/2023-24 Memo No -1853 Dt.13.09.2023
The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Buildings work as detailed in the table below:

1.	Nature of Work	: Buildings Works
2.	No of Work	: 6 Nos
3.	Tender Cost	: Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4.	Class of Contractor	: B & A Class
5.	Available of Bid document in the Website	: From 10.00 AM of Dt.21.09.2023 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.06.10.2023 up to 5.00 PM
6.	Date of opening of Bid	: Dt 07.10.2023 at 11.30 AM

7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website:**https://tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha
B-916 : OIPR-34127/11/0023/2324

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KEONJHAR WILDLIFE DIVISION, ANANDAPUR
e-Procurement Notice for Building works Identification No. Bid Identification No. DFO-KJR WL-01 of 2023-24
E-mail address :dfowl_andpur@rediffmail.com
No. 3927 // Dt.16.09.2023 //

1. Name of the work : State CAMPA Annual Plan of Operation 2023-24.
2. Total No. of works : 03 (Three) No. (Percentage rate Tender)
3. Estimated cost : Approx. Estimate Cost 11.59 Lakhs to 14.92 Lakhs.
4. Class of Contractor : 'C' Class & 'D' Class
5. Other Details.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender: Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division Anandapur	Date & Place of receipt of bid cost & bid security
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur.	On line DFO - KJR WL-01 of 2023-24	21.09.2023 at 10.00 A.M.	30.09.2023 upto 5.30 P.M.	28.09.2023 up to 05.00 P.M.	03.10.2023 at 11.30 A.M.	1% of Estimated Cost

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in & www.tenders.ori.nic.in**
Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur.
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Ph.: 06670-235504; E-Mail:serwbpt@yahoo.com
Government of Odisha
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Bhawanipatna
e-procurement Notice
CANCELLATION OF BID IDENTIFICATION NO.BPT/Online-24/2023-24
Office order No.1808 / Dt.15/09/2023
The tender invited vide this office Letter No. 1689, dt. 08.09.2023 & Bid Identification No.BPT/Online-24/2023-24 is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.
CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, Rural Works Circle, BHAWANIPATNA
O-1080: OIPR-25102/11/0041/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BOLANGIR.
No.2152 **2nd Corrigendum Notice** dated 18/9/2023
The 2nd Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. BLGR-Online-18/2023-24 dated 25.08.2023. The Bid Capacity, Revised Date & Time & Revised Items of BoQ read as follows:-
I) Bid Capacity
Applicants who meet the minimum qualification criteria will be qualified only if their available bid capacity at the expected time of bidding is more than the total estimated cost of the works mentioned in Contract Data. The available bid capacity will be calculated as under.
Assessed Available Bid Capacity = (A*N*2-B), where
A= Maximum value of works executed in any one year (As reported in Schedule — H and certified by Chartered Accountant) during the last five years (updated to the current price level (Base Year) as mentioned in the Contract Data) rate of inflation may be taken as 10 per cent per year(escalation factor) which will take into account the completed as well as works in progress,
B= Value at current price level of the existing commitments and ongoing works to be completed during the time period stipulated in the contract data (period of completion of works for which bids are invited); and
N= Number of years prescribed for completion of the works for which the bids are invited as mentioned in contract data. (for work completion period less than one year the value may be taken as one year)
REVISED DATE & TIME

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir.	BLGR-Online-18/2023-24	02.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	25.09.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	22.09.2023 upto 5.00 P.M.	26.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated to the technically qualified bidders later on

Existing Item Description	Revised Item Description
Construction of subgrade, embankment and earthen shoulders with approved material obtained from borrow pits with all lifts and leads, transporting to site, spreading, grading to required slope and compacted to meet requirement of Table 300.2 with lead up to 1000 m as per technical specification clause 303.1	Construction of embankment with approved materials deposited at site from roadway cutting and excavation from drain and foundation of other structures graded and compacted to meet requirement of Tables 300.1 and 300.2 as per Technical Specification Clause of MoRD and as per the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief.

Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Bolangir
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INBRIEF

Modi joins WhatsApp, creates his own channel

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced his entry to WhatsApp, a platform that has been a powerful campaigning tool for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), but had hitherto not been used directly by the PM for outreach. The WhatsApp channel, created last Thursday, gained thousands of followers within minutes of its existence, officials said. Mr. Modi shared a photograph of himself sitting at a desk in the new Parliament building as his first post, with a message in English that reads: "Thrilled to join the WhatsApp community! It is yet another step closer in our journey of continued interactions. Let's stay connected here!".

ED conducts searches in case alleging illegal forex trading

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted searches in Ahmedabad in connection with a money laundering case by TP Global FX for allegedly trading in forex illegally. According to the agency, ₹1.36 crore in cash, 1.2 kg of gold, two luxury vehicles and various incriminating documents were seized. The ED also froze ₹14.72 lakh kept in a bank account. The ED probe is based on a First Information Report registered by the Kolkata police against TM Traders and KK Traders. "As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), TP Global FX is neither registered with the RBI nor does it have any authorisation from the RBI for forex trading," said the agency on Tuesday.

Xpert MTB/RIF test for TB diagnosis to cost 20% less

Danaher Corporation, which sells the Xpert MTB/RIF molecular test for diagnosing tuberculosis (TB) and rifampicin resistance, has announced a lowering of the price of its standard TB test cartridge to $7.97, a 20% reduction from the current price of $9.98 in low- and middle-income countries. The announcement comes in the wake of mounting international pressure to drop the price by 50%. Danaher Corporation will provide cartridges at a reduced price to the Global Fund and to less-developed countries eligible for Cepheid's Global Access Programme, according to a press release.

Manipuri film star banned from films for three years

An Imphal-based organisation has barred popular Manipuri film star Soma Laishram from acting in films and attending social functions for three years for defying an appeal to celebrities not to participate in entertainment events as long as Manipur burns. The group, Kangleipak Kanba Lup, said she took part in a beauty pageant in New Delhi on September 16, which was against the general call to actors to avoid such events in view of the ongoing ethnic conflict in Manipur that has claimed lives of more than 170 people since May 3. Film Forum Manipur, the umbrella organisation of all film bodies in the State, criticised the KKL's decree on Ms. Laishram and said it would try to get the ban revoked.

Centre floats new science awards

The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar to have three Vigyan Ratna, 25 Vigyan Shri, 25 Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar and three Vigyan Team awards; the winners will be announced every year on May 11, which is National Technology Day

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Nearly a year after deciding to cut the number of prizes annually awarded by its Ministries, the Union government is set to institute the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar – 56 prizes to felicitate scientists, technologists and innovators. Akin to the prestigious Padma awards, these awards will not include any cash component; instead, they will likely bestow a certificate and a medallion on the awardee, sources told *The Hindu*.

According to the proposal seen by *The Hindu*, which is yet to be made public, the RVP will comprise three Vigyan Ratna, 25 Vigyan Shri, 25 Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar and three Vigyan Team awards.

Multidisciplinary prizes

These prizes will be awarded annually for physics, chemistry, biological sciences, mathematics and computer science, earth science, medicine, engineering science, agricultural science, environmental science, technology and innovation, atomic energy, space science and technology, and a 13th category, simply called "others".

"It may be ensured that each domain may be represented. Adequate representation of women may also be ensured," said the proposal forwarded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) to the Union Home Ministry.

The 56 proposed awards are a stark reduction from the almost 300 science prizes that used to be given by Union Ministries.

In their previous avatar, the prizes also had a significant cash component. The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) awards, given by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) since 1958, now includes ₹5 lakh per winner, as well as a salary perk.

In fact, the government announced the names of 12 winners of the SSB awards just last week, after a year's delay. The National Technology Awards, given to teams by the Technology Development Board (a DST entity), also include cash prizes worth ₹25 lakh.

Fresh outline: The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar prizes will felicitate scientists, technologists and innovators. ISTOCKPHOTO

The new awards will also be open to persons of Indian origin (PIOs), though a maximum of one such may be awarded the Vigyan Ratna, while three PIOs each can be selected for the Vigyan Shri and the VY-SSB.

However, PIOs will not be eligible for the Vigyan Team awards.

The Vigyan Ratna awards shall be for "lifetime contributions along with excellence made in any field of science", the Vigyan Shri for "distinguished contribution to any field", and the SSB for "exceptional contribution by young scientists". The team awards shall be for three or more researchers who have made an "exceptional contribution as a team".

There are no age limits for any prizes except the SSB, for which recipients must be 45 years or younger.

Starting in 2024

The awards will be announced annually on May 11, which is National Technology Day, and will be awarded on National Space Day, August 23. These are the days on which India successfully conducted its second nuclear test in 1998, and then catapulted the Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander on the moon this year.

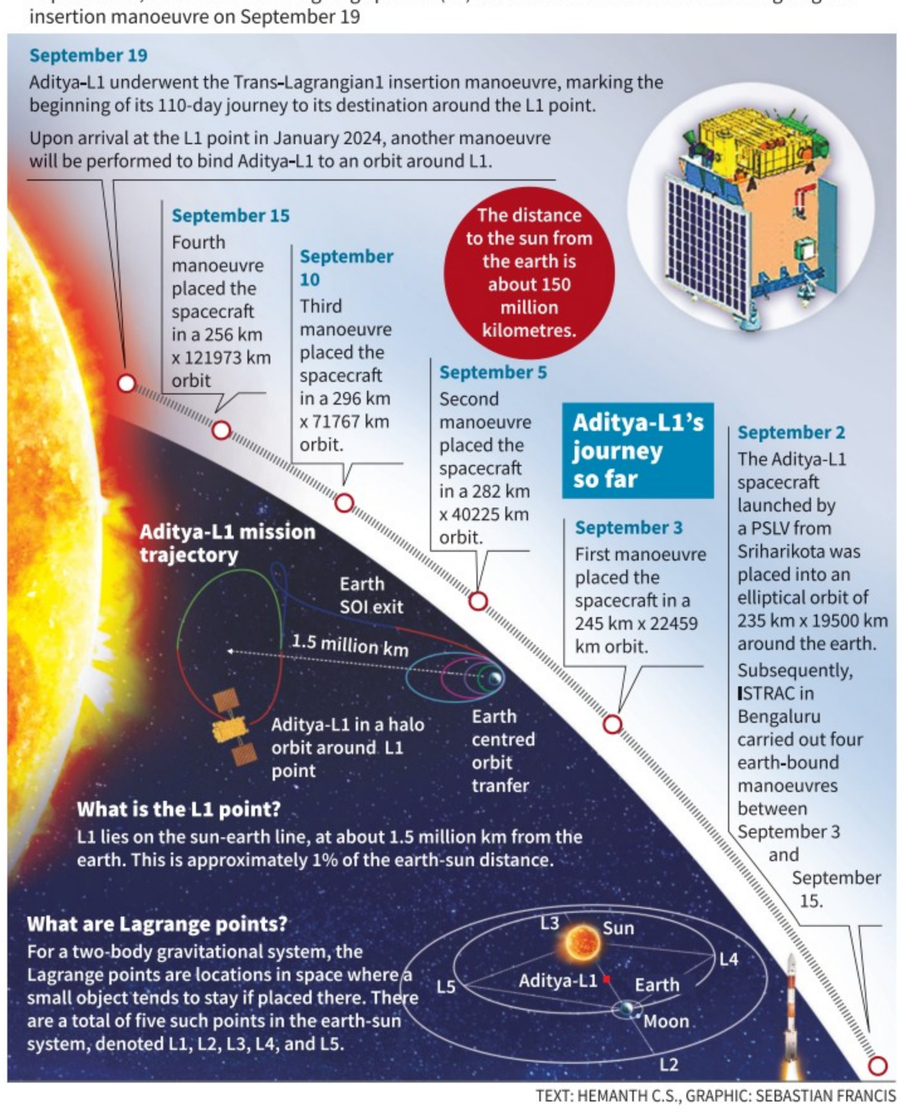
The RVP awards, which will commence from 2024, will be given by the President or the Vice President, according to the proposal.

A committee will be constituted every year, comprising the Secretaries of six Science Ministries, up to four presidents of science and engineering academies, and six distinguished scientists and technologists from various fields.

The CSIR will coordinate the administration of the awards process for two years, after which it will be taken over by the proposed National Research Foundation.

Aditya-L1 heads towards Lagrange point 1

India's first space-based observatory to study the Sun, Aditya-L1, which was launched on September 2, is headed to the Lagrange point 1 (L1) after ISRO carried out the Trans-Lagrangian1 insertion manoeuvre on September 19



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WHO releases report on global impact of high BP

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Approximately four of every five people with hypertension are not adequately treated, but if countries can scale up coverage, 76 million deaths could be averted between 2023 and 2050, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in its first-ever report on the global impact of high blood pressure on Tuesday.

Hypertension is the most important risk factor for death and disability in India, according to a paper in *The Lancet*, regional health (Southeast Asia), published late last year. It adds that less than one-fourth of hypertensive patients in India had their blood pressure under control during 2016-2020. Though this rate has improved from the previous years' figures, substantial differences exist across regions.

The Lancet paper says the 2019-20 National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) reported a hypertension prevalence of 24% in men and 21% among women, an increase from 19% and 17%, respectively, from the previous round (2015-16). The India Hypertension Control Initiative, a large-scale hypertension intervention under the National Health Mission, has been recognised for its positive work done within the primary healthcare system.

The WHO report states that hypertension affects one in three adults worldwide. This common, deadly condition leads to stroke, heart attack, heart failure, kidney damage and many other health problems. The number of people living with hypertension (blood pressure of 140/90 mmHg or higher or taking medication for hypertension) doubled between 1990 and 2019, from 650 million to 1.3 billion. Nearly half the people with hypertension globally are currently unaware of their condition. More than three-quarters of adults with hypertension live in low- and middle-income countries.

Ways to beat

Recommending ways to win the race, the world organisation states that lifestyle changes such as eating a healthier diet, quitting tobacco and being more active can help lower blood pressure. Some people may need medicines.

"Prevention, early detection and effective management of hypertension are among the most cost-effective interventions in health care and should be prioritised by countries as part of their national health benefit package offered at a primary care level. The economic benefits of improved hypertension treatment programmes outweigh the costs by about 18 to 1," notes the WHO.

"Hypertension can be controlled effectively with simple, low-cost medication regimens, and yet only about one in five people have controlled it," WHO director-general said.

NGOs flay APF for allowing NHRC to host meet in Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The All India Network of NGOs and Individuals has condemned the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) for acceding to the National Human Rights Commission of India's request to host the 28th biannual conference in New Delhi on September 20 and 21. This happened at a time when the NHRC has recently been deferred its accreditation by the sub-committee on Accreditation of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).

"This is deeply troubling as the hosting of this prestigious conference by the NHRC will not aid the important cause of human rights protection in India but only provide the NHRC a fig leaf of international legitimacy to cover up its dismal performance," a statement from the Network, working with national and state Human Rights Commission, said.

Its members said the NHRC had been silent on the situation of human rights defenders in India.

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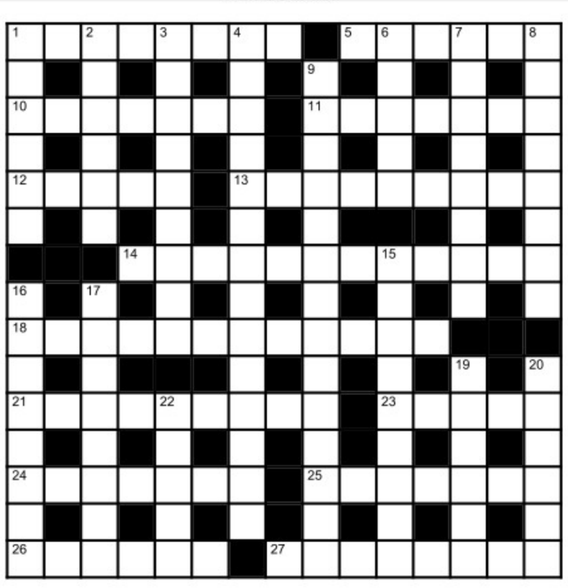

Across

1 Volcanic rock in a den discovered on location (8)
5 Sluggishness of degenerate knocking back wine endlessly (6)
10 Character chasing my ship, primarily a pirate (7)
11 Fan not starting, getting technician (7)
12 Renegade is threatening to abduct rational believer (5)
13 Fighting with woman lying to frame Liberal (9)
14 Fail to impress as absence of blanket in winter will do? (5,3,4)
18 Bar girl with close-fitting garment ensnaring men, caught red-handed (4,2,6)
21 Star in rave-up on drugs ultimately collapses (9)
23 Husband enthralled by peg starting to exuberantly laugh (2-3)
24 One with mask holding butt of rifle - freeze! (3,4)
25 Delicate time with a cult rioting around - start to flee (7)
26 Effusive person brought back blanket to cover female (6)
27 Decorating a party by noon in club (8)

Down

1 Scoundrel caught in time over gallery (6)
2 Skin's turning scarlet, young lady avoids sun (6)
3 Most skimpy dress - nice stats! (9)
4 Reject disgruntled voter having hot argument with committee (5,9)
6 Musical group in old club, wanting second audition (5)
7 Model at one party starting to neck Greek god (8)
8 Study to gather information about English outlaw (8)
9 Assume freak got drunk and raged (4,3,7)
15 Station wagon, say, in contest coming up (6,3)
16 Associate on bhang is going berserk! Embarrassing (8)
17 New American president welcomed by excited press photographers (8)
19 Quick look by female entering bar on island (6)
20 Flyer's woe in Japan, breaking a leg outside bar (3,3)
22 Endless gala featuring posh theatrical show (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Happiness for all

There is a constant conflict between the inner self and the outer world (reality), leading to hurdles in leading a sinless life and walking the path of dharma. Lord Krishna said: "Those minds that are always absorbed in Me, I provide what they lack and preserve what they already possess." One must remember this and conduct oneself accordingly, P. Swaminathan said in a discourse.

A perfect example of leading such a life is the 18th century mahaan Thayumana Mouna Guru, son of Kediliappar and Gajavalli Ammal. Named after Thayumanavar, the deity at the Rockfort Temple, Tiruchirappalli, who came to the rescue of a distressed woman in acute labour, young Thayumanavan was a staunch devotee, like his father, who was the royal samprati. He soon outdid his father in dharma. Impressed by him, a guru came in search of him, and the student soon became well known as the devout Thayumana Mouna guru. When the responsibility of his father's job fell on him and, again, when he was asked to lead the life of a family man, Thayumanavan, whose mind was constantly thinking of God, also excelled in his duties.

Among his numerous compositions is the famous 'Ëllarum inbutru irrukka ninapadhuvey allamal verondrum ariyein' (I know nothing beyond wishing happiness for all).

INBRIEF

Wabag, Al Jomaih Energy tie up for W. Asia, Saudi projects

Va Tech Wabag Ltd. (Wabag) has entered into an MoU with Al Jomaih Energy and Water (AEW), a leading developer of energy and water projects in West Asia, to pursue largescale public-private partnership (PPP) projects in Saudi Arabia and the broader West Asia region. Wabag and AEW will collaborate on various aspects including engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) for potential water projects, the water technology firm said in a statement.

Biotech firm Biocon appoints Peter Bains as Group CEO

Biocon has appointed Peter Bains as the Group CEO with effect from September 18. He will report to Group Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, the biotechnology firm said. Mr. Bains stepped down from his role on Biocon's Board as an Independent Director to assume the new responsibility. He has a comprehensive understanding of the Biocon Group, having led Syngene for five years, taking it through its very successful IPO in 2015, the company said.

R R Kabel to be first to debut within 2 days of IPO closure

Wires and cables manufacturer R R Kabel, which concluded its initial public offering (IPO) on Friday, is set to list on Wednesday, becoming the first company to debut for trading within two days of issue closing. R R Kabel will become the first company to list in the T+2 timeline, the second working day after issue closing on September 15. In August, SEBI halved the timeline for shares listing on stock exchanges after IPO closure to 3 days (T+3) from 6 days. PTI

FM stresses urgent need for reliable crop yield estimates

Sitharaman presses for real-time assessments of crop yields including of pulses and oilseeds, 'country suffers for want of accurate projections'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday made a strong pitch for generating real-time assessments of likely yields for all essential crops, starting with pulses and oilseeds that India often needs to import, stressing that the "country suffers for want of" such reliable farm output estimates.

Price stability: We cannot bring down the price of the farmer for his produce in the last minute, says Ms. Sitharaman. ANI

Automated system

"We can estimate the extent of land which is getting covered under wheat, but do we know what will be the output? Do we have a real time assessment estimate of the crop?" Ms. Sitharaman noted in the context of a new automated real-time yield estimation system called Yes-Tech put in place from this kharif season for the wheat and rice crop.

The system, created with assistance from ISRO and ICAR, must be ramped up to cover other crops as soon as possible, particularly pulses and oilseeds, she said. "That would help the economy much better so that we can plan our imports if we still need, ensure that the farmer doesn't suffer because of our policy to import or export. I want it to help in policymaking, to know how much will we have to give for the farmer's toil in terms of minimum support price or in terms of procurement or how much quantity we need for buffer," the minister stressed.

'Scramble sometimes'

"This country has been importing pulses and we scramble sometimes when the shortages come before us late in the day. If only we have a real time assessment of what is the extent getting sowed, even at that time and estimate of likely output, we will be much better placed to plan in advance that if there's going to be a shortfall, we know where to get" pulses from, she said, noting that different countries such as Canada, Myanmar and African nations needed to be tapped for different varieties of pulses.

"We are one of the largest importers of edible oil, we need to become self-sufficient," she said, adding that relying on imports every year was not ideal as farmers needed to get a clear indication when they sowed their crop.

"We cannot bring [down] the price of the farmer for his produce in the last minute, after he sows his crop and is about to harvest, just because at that time we get an assessment of a shortfall and we need to get it imported. The moment the word 'import' comes in, the first thing which happens is the price that the farmer has to sell his produce crashes," Ms. Sitharaman explained, adding real-time estimates would help avoid such an "unpleasant inevitability".

Oil prices touch 10-month high on supply concerns

Reuters

Oil prices jumped by more than 1% on Tuesday to a 10-month high, as weak U.S. shale output compounded supply concerns from extended production cuts by Saudi Arabia and Russia.

Global benchmark Brent crude futures rose $1.13, or 1.2%, to $95.56 a barrel by 1514 GMT on September 19, the highest since November last year. Prices are expected to gain for their fourth consecutive session.

"The market is starting to realise that wherever you look there are concerns about tight supply, whether it's crude oil, diesel or gasoline," Price Futures Group analyst Phil Flynn said. "We're getting a reality check."

Russia is considering imposing export duties on oil products of $250 per metric tonne from October 1 until June 2024 to tackle domestic fuel shortages, sources told Reuters.

Jio rolls out wireless broadband in 8 cities

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. (Jio) on Tuesday announced the introduction of JioAirFiber, a high-speed wireless broadband service, across 8 metro cities in India with prices starting at ₹599 per month.

Even though Jio's optical fiber infrastructure spans over 1.5 million kilometres and is in close proximity to over 200 million premises, it leaves millions of potential customers without home broadband due to the complexities and delays involved in extending optical-fiber to their premises, the company said. JioAirFiber has been rolled out to accelerate connectivity, the company said.

"With JioAirFiber, we are expanding our addressable market to rapidly cover every home in our country with similar quality of service," said Akash Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Jio.

Yellen says U.S. 'soft landing' can weather multiple risks

Reuters
NEW YORK

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Reuters on Monday that a "soft-landing" scenario for the U.S. economy can withstand near-term risks including a United Auto Workers strike, a government shutdown threat, a resumption of student loan payments and spillovers from China's economic woes.

Ms. Yellen said that she sees evidence that the economy is keeping to a path of making substantial progress to reduce inflation while maintaining a strong labour market and healthy consumer spending.

'Healthy cooling'

"What I'm seeing in the economy is a cooling in the labour market that's taking place in a healthy way, that does not involve mass layoffs," Ms. Yellen said during a discussion with Reuters editors, reporters and columnists on Monday. "It's some of the heat coming out of the job market."

The Federal Reserve on Tuesday starts a two-day meeting to weigh its options in its aggressive campaign of rate increases to contain inflation as economists say the auto strike, the potential for a government shutdown and the October 1 end of a three-year moratorium on student loan repayments could all conspire to cool the economy more quickly than expected.

Chola MS eyeing ₹10,500 cr. revenue by FY26, says MD

N. Anand
CHENNAI

V. Suryanarayanan

Chola MS General Insurance Co. Ltd. (Chola MS) has set a near-term revenue target of more than ₹10,500 crore for FY26, said Managing Director V. Suryanarayanan.

"Last year, we posted a revenue of ₹6,200 crore and this year we are aiming at ₹7,700 crore," he said during an interaction.

In the first quarter of FY24, he said the company achieved a growth rate of 30.1%, which was almost double than that of the industry growth rate.

This upward trend in growth was evident across all segments and line segments such as motor, fire, health and personal accidental insurance, he said.

On the upcoming quarters, he said that the company's focus would be on growth. "Our commitment is to grow at the rate of 1.3-1.5 times of the industry," Mr. Suryanarayanan said.

"While the industry is likely to grow by 15% during the current fiscal, we will be targeting to grow at 25%," the MD added.

Terming the growth momentum positive, he said if the trend continued, they might be ending FY25 at ₹9,800 crore.

He also said that the company had recently entered the crop insurance market and secured a cluster in Maharashtra This was expected to fetch an additional revenue of ₹500 crore per annum.

"This is incremental revenue for us and adds to our existing growth trajectory. Going forward, the challenge is to maintain the growth rate," he said.

On EV insurance, he said that Chola MS had a 4-5% market share in the electric two-wheeler segment. Chola MS is a joint venture between Murugappa Group and Mitsui Insurance Co. Ltd. of Japan.

Gas price for RIL said to be cut by 14%

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Price of natural gas produced from difficult areas like KG-D6 of Reliance Industries could be cut by 14% from October this year, as energy prices decrease, sources said.

For the six-month period starting October 1, the price of gas from deep-sea and high-pressure, high temperature areas could be cut to about $10.4 per mbtu from the current $12.12, they said. This is part of government's biannual price revision of locally-produced natural gas, which is used as CNG in automobiles, piped to household kitchens, used to generate electricity and to make fertilisers.

Torrent said to talk to Apollo to borrow up to $1 bn for Cipla bid

Reuters
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

India's Torrent Pharmaceutical is in preliminary talks with Apollo Global Management to secure a loan of up to $1 billion to help fund a planned bid for Cipla, two people briefed on the discussions said.

Torrent is hoping to secure roughly $3 billion to $4 billion in financing for the bid for its much bigger rival, they said.

Bernstein analysts have estimated a deal for about 60% of India's No. 3 drugmaker could be worth as much as $7 billion – potentially India's largest pharma deal to date.

Torrent has also been in talks with CVC Capital Partners and Bain Capital who might become equity partners in a consortium and contribute as much as a combined $1.5 billion to the deal, sources have said.

India's pharmaceutical market is expected to be worth $130 billion by 2030 from $50 billion currently.

Govt., industry must collaborate to build ethical AI: IBM's Patel

Mini Tejaswi
MUMBAI

Building ethical artificial intelligence requires collaboration between governments, industry and ecosystem players, said Sandip Patel, MD, IBM India and South Asia.

As artificial intelligence becomes more prominent with the technology getting increasingly embraced by everyone, all geographies, including India, should come out with dedicated policies to support AI for the greater good, Mr. Patel said responding to a query from *The Hindu* on the role of government in building ethical AI at an event held recently.

Collective and responsible effort is required to steer India into the AI era and also to make sure the benefits of ethical AI reach all equally, the IBM official further said. "Transparency and explainability are the base of trust that is involved in building ethical AI systems," he elaborated.

Interacting with tech reporters, Paul Burton, general manager, IBM Asia Pacific said that AI at some point would get regulated by governments; however, it requires governance norms developed in collaboration with industry and stakeholders and not an arbitrary legislation.

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Unconditional Bids are invited from REPUTED FIRMS up to 09.10.2023 till 5.00 p.m. for Web Support & Data Processing of Pre-Post Examination (Yearly & Semester) work, Answer Book Packeting and Supply of related documents for the year 2023-24 & 2024-25. Details may be seen in the Bidding Document on our website **www.shekhauni.ac.in**, **http://sppp.raj.nic.in.** Tender form may be seen and downloaded from website **sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**. **UBN No. : SUS2324SLOB00005**
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HONG KONG

China asks foreign consulates in Hong Kong for details of local staff

AP

China has given foreign consulates in Hong Kong a month to submit their local staffers' names, home addresses and job descriptions. Two diplomatic sources confirmed their consulates had received the documents and said that it was the first time local staff members' personal details had been requested. AFP

PARIS

Elon Musk considers charging all X users monthly fee 'to combat bots'

AP

Elon Musk has sparked outrage among fans of his social media platform X by suggesting he might introduce a monthly fee for all users. During a talk with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday, Musk said that introducing a small monthly payment for X would combat the "armies of bots" on the site. AFP

GENEVA

Thousands of children are feared to be dying in Sudan, warns UN

REUTERS

Thousands of children are feared to be dying in Sudan as violence, disease and severe malnutrition rip through the conflict-torn country, the United Nations said on Tuesday. The UN refugee agency said more than 1,200 children in refugee camps had died since May due in part to a measles outbreak. AFP

RAMALLAH

Israeli raid on camp in occupied West Bank kills two Palestinians

AFP

Israeli forces on Tuesday killed two Palestinians and wounded at least 12 others during a raid on Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Health Ministry said. The Israeli Army confirmed troops were operating in Jenin on Tuesday evening and said a drone struck the camp, without elaborating. AFP

Russia hails China's position on U.S., Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Moscow and Beijing are closely aligned in their positions on the U.S. and resolving the Ukraine conflict, the Russian Foreign Ministry said following talks between their top diplomats on Monday.

The statement came after China's Wang Yi kicked off a four-day visit to Moscow with a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

"The similarity of the parties' positions regarding U.S. actions in the international arena, including those of an anti-Russian and anti-Chinese nature, was stated," Russia's Foreign Ministry said.

U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said in Germany at the opening of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group that Ukraine will soon receive M1 Abrams tanks from Washington.

Biden asks world to stand up to 'Russia's naked aggression'

Zelenskyy attends UN General Assembly for the first time since war began, accuses Russia of committing genocide by kidnapping Ukrainian children and trying to manipulate food shortages

Agence France-Presse
UNITED NATIONS

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy took centre stage at the United Nations on Tuesday where U.S. President Joe Biden warned the world against trying to "appease" Russia's "naked aggression."

Russian President Vladimir Putin – who did not come to New York – is expecting that the world "will grow weary and allow it to brutalise Ukraine without consequence," Mr. Biden said.

"We must stand up to this naked aggression today to deter other would-be aggressors tomorrow," he added.

Mr. Biden won applause from the chamber when he called for Ukraine's territorial integrity, but several prominent world leaders decided to miss this year's UN session, including those from China, and allies Britain and France.

Leader's stand: Joe Biden addresses the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday. AP

Mr. Zelenskyy told world leaders gathered at the UN General Assembly that Russia was trying to manipulate global food shortages to win international recognition of land it grabbed from Kyiv.

In his first in-person appearance at the annual UNGA since Russia invaded his country in 2022, Mr. Zelenskyy criticised Moscow for what he said was an "attempt to weaponise (a) food shortage on (the) global market in exchange for recognition of some, if not all, of captured territories."

Mr. Zelenskyy accused Russia of committing genocide by kidnapping Ukrainian children and said Kyiv was working on preparing a global peace summit.

"Ukraine is doing everything to ensure that after the Russian aggression, no one in the world would dare to attack any nation," Mr. Zelenskyy said.

"The occupier must return to his own land," he added.

Example of Derna

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres opened the General Assembly with a bleak speech highlighting the recent floods that killed thousands in Derna, Libya.

"Derna is a sad snapshot of the state of our world – the flood of inequity, of injustice, of inability to confront the challenges in our midst," Mr. Guterres said.

Azerbaijan launches operation in Karabakh, vows to fight 'until the end'

Agence France-Presse
BAKU

Azerbaijan on Tuesday launched a military operation against the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region, warning it would "continue until the end" in the territory, over which it has fought two wars with neighbouring Armenia.

The latest flare-up in violence came as Russia, the traditional power broker in the region, was bogged down in a conflict in Ukraine.

Fears of a fresh war in the volatile Caucasus region have been growing recently, with Armenia accusing Azerbaijan of a troop build-up around the disputed Armenian-majority territory.

Separatists said Azerbaijan on Tuesday pounded the mountainous territory with artillery, combat aircraft and attack drones, and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan called it a "ground offensive".

First blood: Smoke rises over an area which Azerbaijan says hosts Armenian forces' positions in Nagorno-Karabakh on Tuesday. AP

Azerbaijan's Defence Ministry said that "localised anti-terrorist measures have been launched in the region" using "high precision weapons".

The ministry later said it had taken control of more than 60 military positions held by Armenian backed forces.

Armenian separatists said on social media that "fighting continues along the entire line of contact" and that Azerbaijani forces were "trying to advance" into the territory.

Armenian separatists said 25 people, including at least five civilians, were killed and 80 were wounded by the fighting.

U.S. nationals released by Iran arrive home

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Americans detained for years in Iran arrived home on Tuesday, tearfully hugged their loved ones and declared "Freedom!" after being let go as part of a politically risky deal that saw U.S. President Joe Biden agree to the release of nearly $6 billion in frozen Iranian assets.

The prisoners landed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, with clapping and cheers heard in the predawn hours.

The former prisoners later posed for a group photograph with their families, calling out: "Freedom!"

Mixed reaction

The successful negotiations for the Americans' freedom brought Mr. Biden profuse thanks from their families but heat from Republican presidential rivals and other opponents for the monetary arrangement with one of America's top adversaries.

France and Germany back EU enlargement proposal

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

France and Germany, the two largest economies in the European Union, pushed new proposals for the enlargement of the 27-member bloc on Tuesday. The policy paper, put together by a group of 12 experts commissioned by the Europe Ministers of France and Germany but not representing the countries' official views, was presented along the fringes of a European ministerial meeting.

The paper, commissioned in January this year, is in response to growing calls for expanding the EU, partly in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Along with the group's enlargement, the paper looks at strengthening the rule of law and increasing the EU's capacity to act, proposing four different tiers of participation in the union.

While Ukraine, the Western Balkans and Moldova are frontrunners for membership, a total of 10 countries are in the process of integrating EU law into their own laws, according to an EU website.

The paper was commissioned in Jan., in response to growing calls for expanding the EU

Tuesday's paper, a copy of which was published by *Politico*, said the EU is neither institutionally nor policy-wise ready right now to introduce new members. It therefore recommended a flexible approach to EU enlargement as well as reform.

The report also looks at how the EU can function more effectively with 30 plus members. Its proposals include capping the number of EU legislators, changing the voting mechanism by expanding majority voting (as opposed to unanimity) and enhancing the bloc's budget.

In the absence of unanimous support to change the EU Treaty (which is needed for enlargement), the paper suggests a supplementary treaty among a willing subset of members, which would permit for differentiation across the EU.

Treaty change

"We cannot and we should not wait for treaty change to move ahead with enlargement," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen had said last week in her 'State of the Union' address.

Differentiation had its limits, "especially concerning the rule of law and core values," the Franco-German report says. Differentiation could lead to four different tiers, as per the document. The first would be an inner circle with membership of the Eurozone and Schengen Area, then the EU itself, then Associate Members (participating in the single market and adhering to common principles) and a finally, the European Political Community, a group cooperating with the EU but not bound by its law.

The proposals are expected to be discussed formally at a meeting of EU heads of state in Spain next month.

Sport

Tsegay and Duplantis triumph with new World marks

DIAMOND LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
EUGENE (USA)

Gudaf Tsegay shattered the women's 5,000m World record and Armand Duplantis added a centimetre to his pole vault World record at the Diamond League finals here on Sunday.

Ethiopia's 10,000m world champion Tsegay clocked 14min 00.21sec to carve almost five seconds off the previous 5,000m record of 14:05.20 set by Kenyan Faith Kipyegon in Paris on June 9.

Swedish star Duplantis then improved his own pole vault world record, clearing 6.23m on his first attempt to better the 6.22 he set in Cleremont-Ferrand, France, on February 25.

Peerless: Tsegay and Duplantis stole the limelight by creating new marks. GETTY IMAGES

Femke Bol cruised to victory in the women's 400m hurdles in 51.98sec, while Norway's Jakob Ingebrigtsen followed up his sensational mile triumph in 3:43.73 with another near record in the 3,000m, leaning to beat Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha at the tape in a European record 7:23.63.

The results (winners only):

Men: 200m: Andre De Grasse (Can) 19.76s; **110m hurdles:** Hansie Parchment (Jam) 12.93s; **3000m:** Jakob Ingebrigtsen (Nor) 3:43.73s; **800m:** Emmanuel Wanyonyi (Ken) 1:42.80s; 1 mile: Jakob Ingebrigtsen (Nor) 3:43.73s.

3000m steeplechase: Simon Koech (Ken) 8:06.26; **100m:** Christian Coleman (USA) 9.83s; **400m:** Kirani James (Grn) 44.30s; **400m hurdles:** Rai Benjamin (USA) 46.39s;

Shot put: Joe Kovacs (USA) 22.93m; **Pole vault:** Armand Duplantis (Swe) 6.23 (WR).

Long jump: Simon Ehammer (Sui) 8.22m; **Discus:** Matthew Denny (Aus) 68.43m; **Javelin:** Jakub Vadlejch (Cze) 84.24m; **Triple jump:** Andy Diaz (Cub) 17.43m; **High jump:** Woo Sang-hyeok (Kor) 2.35m;

Women: 200m: Shericka Jackson (Jam) 21.57s; **800m:** Athing Mu 1:54.97s; **100m hurdles:** Toby Amusan (Ngr) 12.33s; **400m:** Marileidy Paulino (Dom) 49.58s.

400m hurdles: Femke Bol (Ned) 51.98s; **5000m:** Gudaf Tsegay (Eth) 14:00.21s (WR); **100m:** Shericka Jackson (Jam) 10.70s; **1500m:** Faith Kipyegon (Ken) 3:50.72s; **3000m steeplechase:** Winfred Yavi (Bah) 8:50.66s;

Long jump: Ivana Vuleta (Srb) 6.85m; **Discus:** Valarie Allman (USA) 68.66m; **High jump:** Yaroslava Mahuchikh (Ukr) 2.03m; **Shot put:** Chase Ealey (USA) 20.76m.

Triple jump: Yulimar Rojas (Ven) 15.35m; **Pole vault:** Katie Moon (USA) 4.86m; **Javelin:** Haruka Kitaguchi (Jpn) 63.78m.

Malaala pulls off a stunning win in Rani Rudrama Devi Cup

RACING

HYDERABAD: The 15-to-1 long-shot Malaala (Ajay Kumar astride) won the Rani Rudrama Devi Cup, the main event of Monday's (Sept. 18) races.

The winner is owned by Mr. N. Adil Mirza, Ms. Nimrah Mirza Shakeebai & Mr. Mohd Sohrab Mirza. Laxman Singh trains the winner.

1. RED SURPRISE PLATE (DIV. I): BLAZING GUN (Akshay Kumar) 1, Magnum (Afroz Khan) 2, Final Judgement (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Bold Beauty (P. Sai Kumar) 4. 2, 6-3/4 and Head. 1m, 13.53s. ₹16 (w), 10, 18 and 14 (p). SHP: 43, THP: 46, SHW: 11 and 38, FP: 52, Q: 50, Tanala: 211. Favourite: Blazing Gun. Owners: Col. M.P. Singh & Mr. K. Ram Gopal Rao. Trainer: Magan Singh.

2. RED SURPRISE PLATE (DIV. II): FLY ME (Akshay Kumar) 1, Subha (Afroz Khan) 2, Magical Power (Surya Prakash) 3 and Crown Witness (P. Sai Kumar) 4. 8-1/4, 6-1/2 and 3-3/4. 1m, 14.12s. ₹24 (w), 10, 14 and 26 (p). SHP: 28, THP: 45, SHW: 10 and 16, FP: 92, Q: 42, Tanala: 635. Favourite: Morning Mist. Owner: M/s. S.S.F. Hassan, Mirza Ayub Baig & N. Shyam Sunder. Trainer: S.S.F. Hassan.

NOTE: First favourite Morning Mist (Suraj Narredu up) took a flyer jump and dislodged the rider who escaped unhurt, while Skybolt (S.K. Paswan) planted in the starting stalls.

3. SILVER JET PLATE: HIGH REWARD (R.S. Jodha) 1, See My Spark (Md. Ekram Alam) 2, Pinatubo (Abhay Singh) 3 and Red Snaper (Afroz Khan) 4. Not run: Proud Mary. 1/2, Neck and 1/2. 1m, 6.92s. 30 (w), 13, 12 and 13 (p). SHP: 36, THP: 81, SHW: 10 and 18, FP: 133, Q: 61, Tanala: 1,507. Favourite: Garnet. Owner: Mr. Murugappan Alagappa. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

4. MEDAK PLATE: SAINT EMILION (Shivansh) 1, Pancho (Akshay Kumar) 2, Classical Music (A. Imran Khan) 3 and Burgundy Black (B. Nikhil) 4. Neck, 1 and 1. 1m, 14.37s. ₹143 (w), 30, 11 and 18 (p). SHP: 37, THP: 45, SHW: 100 and 10, FP: 339, Q: 221, Tanala: 1,265. Favourite: Pancho. Owner: Mr. Rajendran rep. Rapar's Galloping Stars LLP. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

5. PLAY.HYDRACES.COM CUP: CLARE (A. Imran Khan) 1, Golden Gazelle (Akshay Kumar) 2, Happy Soul (Surya Prakash) 3 and Fresh Hope (B. Nikhil) 4. 1-1/2, 2 and 5. 1m, 26.14s. ₹31 (w), 14, 13 and 18 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 46, SHW: 10 and20, FP: 63, Q: 26, Tanala: 281. Favourite: Golden Gazelle. Owners: M/s. Prakash Babu, Ashok Ranpise & Rajesh Sanghani. Trainer: M.R. Chauhan.

6. RANI RUDRAMA DEVI CUP: MALAALA (Ajay Kumar) 1, Lucky Zone (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Worcester (S. Saqlain) 3 and True Icon (A. Imran Khan) 4. 6-1/4, 1-1/4 and 2-1/4. 1m, 25.02s. ₹92 (w), 20, 18 and 14 (p). SHP: 45, THP: 59, SHW: 41 and 18, FP: 1,010, Q: 337, Tanala: 2,436. Favourite: Strauss. Owners: Mr. N. Adil Mirza, Ms. Nimrah Mirza Shakeebai & Mr. Mohd. Sohrab Mirza. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

7. NIZAM SAGAR PLATE: AMALFITANA (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 1, Sundance Kid (S. Saqlain) 2, Grand Duke (Md. Ekram Alam) 3 and Muaser (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 4-1/4, 2-1/2 and 2-3/4. 1m, 39.47s. ₹55 (w), 22,10 and 22 (p). SHP: 42, THP: 53, SHW: 29 and 23, FP: 277, Q: 92, Tanala: 1,014. Favourite: Master Touch. Owners: M/s. Gaurav Sethi, Abhimanyu J. Thackersey & Berjis Minoo Desai. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

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DOUBLE TROUBLE

Skipper Pujara suspended for one game; Sussex docked 12 points

Cheteshwar Pujara was suspended from one county game after his team Sussex was docked 12 points in the English County Championship due to a code of conduct breach during the match against Leicestershire. Pujara received an automatic suspension after the club reached the threshold of four fixed penalties.

CHAHARSPEAK

'Injury not in players' hands, my priority is to be fit and available'

Deepak Chahar believes injuries are not in the hands of a sportsperson and he is determined to get his place back in the national team as he has fully recovered from hamstring and back issues. "A player should not get disappointed by injuries. My priority right now is to remain fit and be available for the team," he said.

NEXT ASSIGNMENT

Finland earns a quarterfinal meeting with Canada

Finland's reward for beating the USA and Croatia to reach the knockout stage of the Davis Cup was a quarterfinal match against defending champion Canada.
The last-eight line-up: Canada vs Finland; Czech Republic vs Australia; Italy vs Netherlands; Serbia vs Britain.

REALISTIC TARGET

Nadal reiterates that finishing his career in 2024 remains his goal

Tennis star Rafael Nadal reiterated on Monday that finishing his career in 2024 remains his goal, while admitting he has taken two operations to try and heal his hip injury. "I said that possibly 2024 was my last year, I maintain that, but I cannot confirm it 100% because I do not know," said Nadal.

Indian hockey teams will be vying for something more precious than gold

As the top-ranked side in the continent among both men and women, the two sides will look to finish on top and seal their Olympic tickets to avoid a longer, uncertain and slippery qualification route later on in the race to Paris

Eye on the prize: While the men's team has its work cut out for it, the women are in a relatively easier group at the Hangzhou Games. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ASIAN GAMES COUNTDOWN

Uthra Ganesan

The Asian Games will officially kick off on September 23 and while the quadrennial event stands just a notch below the Olympics in terms of importance for Indian athletes, there will be some more keen to perform than the others, with a lot more at stake than just a medal.

The Indian contingent, at last count, was pegged at 655-member strong – excluding the officials – participating across 39 sporting disciplines. Each one of them will hope to go the distance and prove themselves. But only five events will have athletes vying for something even more precious than a gold – they are the ones who have Olympic qualification spots on offer, making the Asian Games an important pitstop en route to Paris next year.

The only team sport in this list is hockey and as the top-ranked side in the continent among both men and women, the two sides will look to finish on top and seal their Olympic tickets to avoid a longer, uncertain and slippery qualification route later on. Given that the likes of Belgium, Germany, Britain, New Zealand and Spain will all be up at the qualifiers, it is a route the Indians would do well to avoid.

As the World No. 3 side and the only one in the continent to boast of an Olympic medal in over three decades, the Indian men have their task cut out. Winning the Asian Champions Trophy was the perfect build-up for the Indians – and others as well – giving them a chance to assess themselves and the opposition. Pooled with Japan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Singapore and Uzbekistan, India will have to finish among the top two to reach the semifinals but will have to avoid complacency against lower-ranked sides while both defending champion Japan and Pakistan are capable of causing an upset.

India would do well to learn from the 2018 disappointment when, leading comfortably, one defensive mistake in the semifinal proved disastrous for the side, going out in the shootout to Malaysia. While a lot has changed since then – both in terms of personnel and performances – India's World Cup disaster against New Zealand was eerily similar and on-field discipline remains hit-or-miss. The squad is a mix of old and new but the biggest concern would be the lack of a back-up to Harmanpreet Singh in case the Indian captain falters in the penalty corners, something that happened at the World Cup as well, with Jugraj Singh omitted.

In Pool B, Malaysia and South Korea will be expected to be among the top-two and while both India and Malaysia would be keen to avoid a semifinal clash, Korea won't be easy either, with host China, although ranked much lower, have the physical prowess to upset specially at home.

For the women, it might be easier to reach the semifinals, grouped with relatively weaker opponents in Pool A, but things get tougher after that. With Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea as the other teams, the Indian women, also the highest ranked in the competition at 7th in the world, are expected to make the cut along with Korea.

Pool B has China, Japan, Indonesia, Kazakhstan and Thailand with the first two expected to advance. But the competition in Asia among women is much tougher with Japan, China and Korea ranked 10th, 11th and 12th respectively, snapping at India's heels and the Indian women will be tested on both form and fitness if they wish to win their first gold in the competition since 1982.

Indian hockey at Asian Games

MEN

1958: Silver (lost to Pakistan)
1962: Silver (lost to Pakistan)
1966: Gold (bt Pakistan)
1970: Silver (lost to Pakistan)
1974: Silver (lost to Pakistan)
1978: Silver (lost to Pakistan)
1982: Silver (lost to Pakistan)
1986: Bronze (bt Malaysia)
1990: Silver (lost to Pakistan)
1994: Silver (lost to South Korea)
1998: Gold (bt South Korea)
2002: Silver (lost to South Korea)
2006: Fifth
2010: Bronze (bt South Korea)
2014: Gold (bt Pakistan)
2018: Bronze (bt Pakistan)

WOMEN

1982: Gold (bt South Korea)
1986: Bronze (bt Malaysia)
1990: Fourth (lost to Japan)
1994: Fourth (lost to China)
1998: Silver (lost to South Korea)
2002: Fourth (lost to Japan)
2006: Bronze (bt South Korea)
2010: Fourth (lost to Japan)
2014: Bronze (bt Japan)
2018: Silver (lost to Japan)

Ashwin included in squad for ODI series against Australia

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

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CHENNAI

Just days after Indian skipper Rohit Sharma said he was in touch with R. Ashwin ahead of the World Cup, the 37-year-old offspinner was picked for the three-match ODI against Australia starting on September 22.

K.L. Rahul will lead the side for the first two games (Mohali and Indore) in the absence of Rohit who, along with Virat Kohli, Hardik Pandya and Kuldeep Yadav, has been rested. All four will join the squad for the final match in Rajkot.

Axar Patel, who missed the Asia Cup final after suffering a left quadricep strain, has been named in the squad for the third ODI, subject to clearing the fitness tests.

Washington Sundar, who replaced Axar in the final, is also in the team for the three-match series.

Explaining the decision to pick Ashwin, who last played an ODI in January 2022, chief selector Ajit Agarkar said, "Unfortunately, Axar picked up an injury, and we are hopeful he will be fit. But that's why the two (Ashwin and Washington) have been picked."

Skipper Rohit added, "With guys like Ashwin, game-time and time on the ground is not so much of a concern, which is why we thought if he is an option for us, we need to get him in. With the kind of experience he has, it's all in the head more than the body."

Ashwin... back in business. GETTY IMAGES

Agarkar also revealed that Shreyas Iyer has recovered from the niggle he picked up during the Asia Cup, where he played only two matches and batted in just one game.

The ODI squads:

For 1st and 2nd: K.L. Rahul (Capt. & wk), Ravindra Jadeja (Vice-capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Ishan Kishan (wk), Shardul Thakur, Washington Sundar, R. Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj and Prasidh Krishna.

For 3rd & final: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Hardik Pandya (Vice-capt.), Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas, Suryakumar, Rahul (wk), Kishan (wk), Jadeja, Shardul, Axar Patel, Washington, Kuldeep Yadav, Ashwin, Bumrah, Shami and Siraj.

The schedule: Sept. 22, Mohali; Sept. 24, Indore; Sept. 27, Rajkot. (all matches start at 1.30 p.m.)

HANGZHOU DIGEST

Floodgates open: After battling hard in the opening session, India couldn't stop China in the second. PTI

China romps past profligate India

A severely-fatigued and under-prepared Indian team got a reality check as China outplayed it 5-1 in an opening group league encounter of the Asian Games football competition on Tuesday.

Giao Tianyi (17), Dai Weijun (51), Tao Qianglong (72 & 75) and Hao Fang (90+2) scored for the hosts while Rahul KP's (45+1) equaliser from an acute angle was easily the best strike of the match.

It was heartening to see a third-string Indian side having the title contender on an even keel during the first 45 minutes which saw India custodian Gurmeet Singh Chahal valiantly save a spot-kick taken from China captain Zhu Chenjie.

However, there was no stopping China in the second period.

India now needs to beat Bangladesh and Myanmar in its remaining two games to qualify for the second round. Myanmar beat Bangladesh 4-2 in another game in the group.

Indian spikers begin with a win

India put up a dominant show to outclass Cambodia 25-14, 25-13, 25-19 in its opening Pool C match of the men's volleyball competition on Tuesday.

Compound archers brighten India's medal prospects

Aashin Prasad

In a sport where the South Koreans have dominated for the best part of over three decades, India's record pales in comparison. In 12 editions since the sport's introduction at the Games, India has 10 medals, including a gold, from a total of 180 on offer. While this doesn't scream optimism, India's success in compound archery in recent years means its archers could trouble the status quo in Hangzhou next month.

Before the introduction of compound archery in the Asian Games, the Indians had three medals (one silver, two bronze) in recurve, the traditional bow style. But in the two editions since 2014, the country's archers have claimed seven medals (one gold, three silver, three bronze) in the compound form. In fact, India's breakthrough in compound took place in Incheon 2014, when it medalled in all five compound events. Even in Archery World Cups and World Championships, Indian archers' have been on the mark in compound, which has helped swell the medals tally.

In the last Asian Games in Indonesia, India medalled only in compound archery with two silvers in both the men's and women's team events. This time around, the performance shown by the archers in the lead-up to the Asian Games could suggest India could have its best haul in the sport. India will head to Hangzhou with a team of 16 archers with 30 medals up for grabs. While the Indian squad has the experience of Abhishek Verma, Atanu Das, Rajat Chauhan and Jyothi Surekha – previous medallists at Asian Games – the rise of youngsters Aditi Gopichand Swami, Ojas Pravin Deotale, Prathamesh Samadhan Jawakar and Dhiraj Bommadevara has built excitement to this campaign.

In the World Championships in Berlin last month, the 17-year-old Aditi teamed up with Jyothi Surekha and Parneet Kaur in the women's team compound to claim India's first-ever gold at the level. The next day, she became the youngest world champion by taking the women's individual compound title by beating Jyothi Surekha and Mexico's Andrea Becerra in the semifinal and final.

In the final, Aditi needed a nine with her last effort and the teenager coolly shot a 10 to win gold. Pravin Deotale, 21, won gold in the men's individual compound and Jyothi Surekha's bronze enabled India top the charts. There is also the 19-year-old Prathamesh, who clinched silver at the World Cup final in compound individual.

While India can expect joy in compound archery, the form is still not recognised in the Olympics while the Asian Games has six Olympic quotas (three per gender) for recurve archery at Paris 2024. Champion archer Deepika Kumari, who has enjoyed success in recurve, failed to make the cut with India's best bet in recurve being in the team event.

Dhiraj Bommadevara was the only Indian to make the recurve final at the World Cup in Hermosillo where he upset Korea's two-time Olympic champion Kim Woo-jin in the quarterfinal before losing his next two games.

Dhiraj, second behind Woo-jin in the World Championships Olympic qualifiers, has one individual and three medals (team) in World Cups this year and is the in-form Indian recurve archer.

In focus: Dhiraj has been in roaring form this year and will be the recurve archer to watch out for. GETTY IMAGES

India's archery medallists

2006: Bronze (men's team recurve) - Mangal Singh Champia, Tarundeep Rai, Jayanta Talukdar, Vishwas
2010: Silver (men's individual recurve) - Tarundeep Rai
2010: Bronze (men's team recurve) - Rahul Banerjee, Mangal Singh Champia, Jayanta Talukdar
2010: Bronze (women's team recurve) - Dola Banerjee, Rimil Buriuly, Deepika Kumari
2014: Gold (men's team compound) - Rajat Chauhan, Sandeep Kumar, Abhishek Verma
2014: Silver (men's individual compound) - Abhishek Verma
2014: Bronze (women's individual compound) - Trisha Deb
2014: Bronze (women's team compound) - Trisha Deb, Purvasha Shende, Jyothi Surekha
2018: Silver (men's team compound) - Rajat Chauhan, Aman Saini, Abhishek Verma
2018: Silver (women's team compound) - Muskan Kirar, Madhumita Kumari, Jyothi Surekha

The squads:

Men: Mrinal Chauhan, Dhiraj Bommadevara, Tushar Prabhar Shelke, Atanu Das, Abhishek Verma, Prathamesh Samadhan Jawkar, Ojas Pravin Deotale and Rajat Chauhan.

Women: Bhajan Kaur, Ankita Bhakat, Simranjeet Kaur, Prachi Singh, Parneet Kaur, Jyothi Surekha, Aditi Gopichand Swami and Avneet Kaur.

INBRIEF

ICC Men's World Cup trophy makes a stop at Bengaluru

K. MURALI KUMAR

The 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup trophy tour made a stop at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Former India cricketers Syed Kirmani, V.V.S. Laxman, G.R. Viswanath, Brijesh Patel, Sujith Somasunder, and KSCA office bearers were some of the dignitaries present on the occasion.

Mumbai City FC goes down to Nassaji Mazandaran

Mumbai City FC began its AFC Champions League campaign with a 0-2 defeat at the hands of Nassaji Mazandaran of Iran in Pune on Monday.

Korea trounces India in U-17 Women's Asian Cup qualifiers

Skipper Won Jueun netted a hat-trick as South Korea thrashed India 8-0 in the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers round two at Buriram (Thailand) on Tuesday.

Nischal clinches silver in rifle 3-position at Rio WC

Nischal overcame a struggle on the last five shots to win the women's 50-metre rifle 3-position silver medal in the shooting World Cup in Rio.

The results: 50-metre rifle 3-position: Women: 1. Jeanette Duestad (Nor) 461.5 (590); 2. Nischal 458.0 (592); 3. Stephanie Grundsoee (Den) 447.6 (590); 11. Anjum Moudgil 586; 39. Ayushi Podder 580.

Making a difference: Joselu's goal in the second half won it for Real Madrid. AFP

Madrid cruises to the top of the table

Valverde and Joselu score as Ancelotti's men beat Real Sociedad 2-1; *Los Blancos* two points ahead of Barcelona; Roma routs Empoli 7-0

EURO LEAGUES

Associated Press
MADRID

Real Madrid remained perfect in the Spanish league after it rallied again for a 2-1 win over Real Sociedad on Sunday.

Federico Valverde and Joselu scored early in the second half at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium to give Madrid its fifth straight victory to start the league season.

The only team still with a perfect record, Madrid has a two-point lead over second-place Barcelona, which has won four in a row

Ander Barrenetxea put Sociedad ahead with a goal from inside the area only five minutes into the match after a cross by Japan forward Takefusa Kubo. Valverde equalised for Madrid less than a minute into the second half with a one-timer from outside the area, and Joselu scored the go-ahead goal in the 60th with a header off a cross by Fran Garcia, who also assisted in Valverde's goal.

Domination

Romelu Lukaku and Paulo Dybala looked a powerful partnership in their first match together as they helped Roma crush newly-promoted Empoli 7-0 in Serie A on Sunday.

Dybala netted twice and Lukaku scored his first goal in his second match since joining from Chelsea. Renato Sanches, Bryan Cristante and Gianluca Mancini and an own-goal from Alberto Grassi secured Roma's first win of the season in style.

The results:
Premier League: Nottingham Forest 1 (Hudson-Odoi 61) drew with Burnley 1 (Amdouni 41).
LaLiga: Granada 2 (Uzuni 63, Boye 85) lost to Girona 4 (Tsygankov 22, Savio 31, Lopez 34, Couto 89); Real Madrid 2 (Valverde 46, Joselu 60) bt Real Sociedad 1 (Barrenetxea 5).
Serie A: Salernitana 0 lost to Torino 3 (Buongiorno 15, Radonjic 41, 50); Verona 0 drew with Bologna 0; Roma 7 (Dybala 2-pen, 55, Sanches 8, Grassi 35-og, Cristante 80, Lukaku 82, Mancini 86) bt Empoli 0.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

President's XI's Rehan slams double century

Rehan Mohammed (205) starred for President's XI against Shivamogga Zone in the KSCA under-16 inter-zonal tournament here.

The scores: President's XI 398 in 77 overs (Rehan Mohammed 205, Tejas Reddy 41, R. Shiv 27, Gagan Sai 38, Rishabh Adiga 36) drew with Shivamogga 197/5 in 63 overs (R.B. Tejas 72, Parveez Ali 27, Aryan Gowda 41 n.o.).

Raichur 93 in 33.5 overs (Adarsh Rathod 32, Vijay Maller 3/22, Khush Kothari 3/19, A.G. Gurucharan 4/13) and 150 in 58.3 overs (Aniketh Reddy 27, Basava Chetan 33, A.G. Gurucharan 4/33) lost to Vice President's XI 328/7 in 70.5 overs (Amogh Shetty 140, V. Srithan 64, S. Daivik 48, Shreyasagoud Patil 4/48).

Bangalore City XI 277/9 in 90 overs (S.J. Aadharsh 28, Dhruv Krishnan 53, Sean Pratyush 107, Arnav Gurudatta 30 n.o., Sainath Rajoli 4/43, Varad Suryavanshi 3/40) and 116/2 in 15.2 overs (S.J. Aadharsh 72, Dhruv Krishnan 41) drew with Dharwad 160 in 66.5 overs (Ashutosh Hiremath 51, Vijay Bandi 33, S.J. Aadharsh 5/17) and 64/2 in 24.2 overs (Ayush Patil 33).

Mysore 192 in 70.5 overs (Akshay Rangan 44, T.S. Shashank Gowda 30, Vidhur Reddy 4/24, Arya Gowda 3/33) and 93/3 in 26 overs (Varun Patel 39, Athish Karthik 33) drew with Bangalore 155 in 82.3 overs (M. Assad 51, Arya Gowda 27, P. Dhakshath 3/25, Mahesh Hiremath 4/22).

Secretary's XI 356/9 in 90 overs (H. Rithvik 115, Manish Benjamin 25, C. Vaibhav 124, Anirudh Deepak 25 n.o., A.A. Rohith 3/51, A. Preetham 3/51) and 102/1 in 32 overs (Nikhil George 50 n.o., B. Krithin 33) drew with Tumkur 220 in 53 overs (K. Akhil 29, C.B. Preetam 3/5).

Combined City XI 131 in 53.4 overs (Anvay Dravid 66, Rajath Poojary 3/34, Tejas Nayak 5/28) and 74/1 in 40 overs (Arsh Arora 46 n.o.) drew with Mangalore 214 in 83.3 overs (Rennell Pais 72, Ayaan Sharmod 37, Tejas Nayak 34).

Shaik nets winner

Shaik Muzeeb's goal helped MEG & Center FC edge out Real Chikkamagaluru FC 1-0 in the BDFA Super Division football league on Tuesday.

The results: MEG & Center FC 1 (Shaik Muzeeb 48) bt Real Chikkamagaluru FC 0; FC Bengaluru United 5 (Chester Lyngdoh 4, 15, Ribhav Sardesai 22, Rishabh Dobriyal 47, Suraj Hadkonkar 83) bt Young Challengers FC 0.

Lone-goal win for Mathru Pratisthana

Mathru Pratisthana FC defeated Roots FC 1-0 in the KSFA Karnataka women's football league here on Tuesday.

The results: Mathru Pratisthana FC 1 (V.G. Lekhasri 79) bt Roots FC 0.

KSLTA to host four ITF events

The Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) will host four ITF events over the next two months. The ITF World Tennis Tour (WTT) M25 Dharwad men's tournament will be held from October 16 to 22. From October 23 to 29, the ITF-WTT M15 Davangere event will be held.

In November, two tournaments will be held at Bengaluru and Kalaburagi respectively. The Grade 2 ITF W25 Bengaluru, to be held at the Bowring Institute courts from Nov. 20, will offer prize money of $25,000. The KSLTA had hosted the ATP Challenger 100 and seven ITF Futures events across the State this year.

LIVE TELECAST

Asian Games: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 4.30 p.m.onwards

Marquez. INSTAGRAM

Many MotoGP participants yet to get their visa

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Ahead of the inaugural Indian Grand Prix MotoGP event to be held this weekend, key team personnel and riders, including six-time champion Marc Marquez, have not yet received their Indian visas and had to miss their flights.

Organisers clarify

Later on Tuesday evening, a statement from Grand Prix of India acknowledged the issue and said, "We regret the unforeseen delays in the visa issuance process. We are happy to announce that most of the visas have already been processed, with many more on the horizon. Our teams are tirelessly working around the clock to ensure that every participant, from riders to technical officials, receives the visa promptly."

Earlier in the day, former MotoGP Rider Loris Capirossi, the Safety Advisor to MotoGP organiser Dorna Sports, expressed his satisfaction with the circuit after driving around it.

Bagan proves a super giant for Odisha

Sports Bureau

Mohun Bagan Super Gaint started its AFC Cup South Zone Group D league campaign in style, blanking host Odisha FC 4-0 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday.

The result: Odisha FC 0 lost to Mohun Bagan SG 4 (Sahal Abdul Samad 46, Dimitri Petratos 68 & 83, Liston Colaco 79).

Four Indian women wrestlers bow out

Sports Bureau

Four Indian women wrestlers crashed out of the medal race in the World championships in Belgrade on Tuesday.

The results:
50kg: Neelam bt Maral Tangirbergenova (Kaz) 10-0; bt Oksana Livach 6-4 (Ukr); lost to Ziqi Feng (Chn) by fall.
57kg: Sarita Mor bt Betzabeth Colmenarez (Ven) 6-1; lost to Odunayo Adekuoroye (Ngr) 4-6.
65kg: Antim Kundu bt Iva Geric (Cro); lost to Lilli Lilli (Chn).
76kg: Divya Kakran bt Mehtap Gultekin (Tur) 7-5; lost to Justina di Stasio (Can) 4-4 on criteria.

Wednesday's UEFA Champions League Fixtures
Galatasaray vs. Copenhagen (10.15 p.m. IST).
Real Madrid vs. Union Berlin (10.15 p.m.).
Arsenal vs. PSV Eindhoven (12:30 a.m., Thursday).
Bayern Munich vs. Manchester United (12:30 a.m.).
Benfica vs. Salzburg (12:30 a.m.).
Braga vs. Napoli (12:30 a.m.).
Real Sociedad vs. Inter Milan (12:30 a.m.).
Sevilla vs. Lens (12:30 a.m.).

India have another shot at getting their team right; so do Australia

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

It is box-ticking time for the teams in the World Cup, and a chance to correct selection mistakes made earlier. England's decision to include Harry Brook, initially out of the squad, and the possible return of Ravichandran Ashwin are two such cases. It is also a time to reevaluate recent form just days ahead of the tournament.

India's annihilating triumph in the Asia Cup – played in somewhat similar conditions to the one for the World Cup – means that they have established themselves as favourites in a tournament they last won at home in 2011. Virat Kohli alone survives from that final.

Best team

In sport, it is marginally easier for teams which have won before to do so again; perhaps it has to do with familiarity or understanding of what it takes. At any rate, India are the best team in the world right now, and when in full flow one of the great sights of the game. Five of the top nine ODI teams were present at the Asia Cup, which makes it a strong regional tournament.

India might have lost to Bangladesh, but that was after they had qualified for the round of four and didn't play their best team.

But it was indication that in the shorter formats there isn't too much separating the teams; the best teams are simply more consistent and play the big matches better.

By the end of the Asia Cup, Mohammed Siraj seems to have pushed his way into the playing eleven, possibly at the cost of Mohammed Shami.

But the biggest change likely could be the reinstatement of Ashwin, the world's No. 1 Test bowler and No. 2 Test all rounder.

The choice is between maturity and inexperience, between a man with 113 matches and over 150 wickets and one with 17 matches, a 37-year-old Ashwin and a 23-year-old Washington Sundar.

Sharp cricketing mind

It makes sense to have Ashwin in the team in home conditions, no matter what the format. Apart from his bowling, he brings to the team a sharp mind and sound cricketing sense, something skipper Rohit Sharma seems well aware of. The wisdom of having a short series against Australia now reveals itself. Initially it was thought that it might have been too close to the World Cup with potential for staleness, tiredness and injury.

But now it appears to be the ideal build-up against a team which are among the favourites to win the World Cup. The final box-ticking can be done here by both teams.

India will have to go into the World Cup carrying with them some of their recent problems. But the time for major changes is over as the team is largely settled.

It is futile looking for a batter in the top five who can also bowl a few overs. But there are a couple of batsmen in the lower half who can bowl, and for the moment that should suffice. Hardik Pandya and Ravindra Jadeja fill those slots well.

Perhaps one slot in the middle order which looks almost settled at the moment – with Virat Kohli, K.L. Rahul, Ishan Kishan and one of Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Verma – might need to be filled.

That will depend on the opposition and the possibility of Pandya bowling ten overs in every match. His is a crucial role.

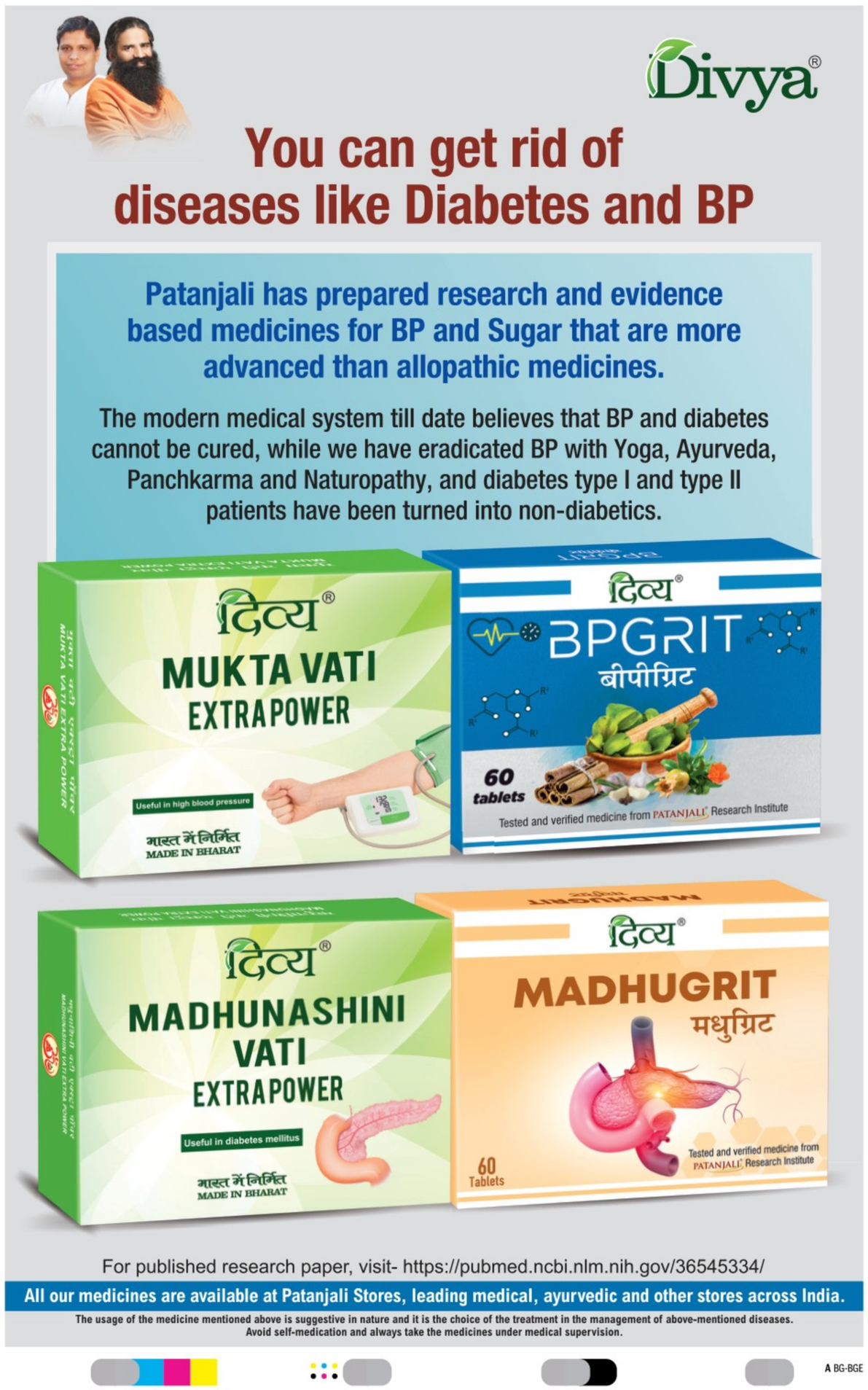
Rohit Sharma hopes that both Shreyas Iyer ("99 percent fit") and Axar Patel ("hope he recovers quickly") are on the road to recovery. This means India have a bigger basket of players to choose from.

Question over Axar

Axar has an injured wrist as well as a tear in his quadricep and will take longer to recover, and if India decide to carry him initially waiting for full fitness, he might just be short of game time.

Selection, never an easy task at the best of times, gets complicated with injury and players returning to the fold.

That both Jasprit Bumrah and K.L. Rahul hit their stride straightaway after returning to the team was a significant factor in India's Asia Cup win.

Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards – the philosopher Soren Kiekegaard's maxim applies equally to cricket. Choices are made before the event, but their impact can be understood only in retrospect.

The only right choice is an immediately successful one in a tournament like the World Cup.